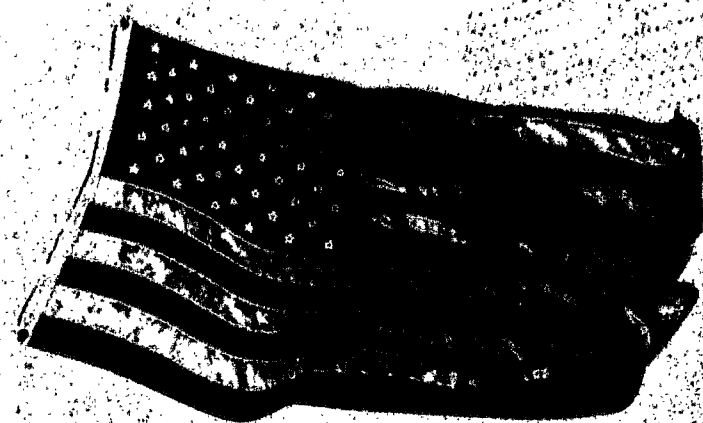


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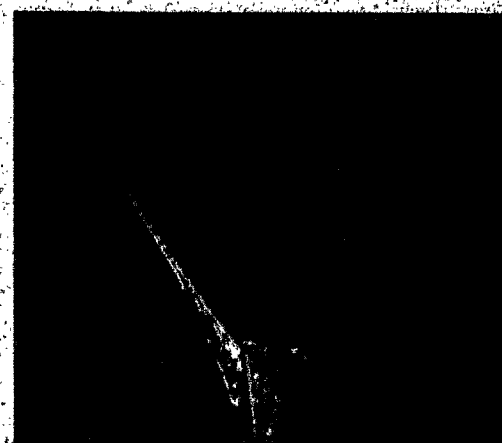
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CHRISTMAS, AFTER ALL

Flag dedication is rescheduled

The Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Flag Dedication Ceremony in honor of the late James Winchester has been rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 11, beginning at 11 a.m.

Bay High food drive/concert

A group of students from Bay High will sing Christmas carols and conduct a food drive outside Winn-Dixie in Bay St. Louis this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The group is accepting donations of non-perishable food items. Also on Saturday, the BHS Band Boosters will wrap presents in front of Cato's in Waveland from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bay High Band and Chorus will present a Christmas Concert today at 6:30 p.m. at the school auditorium.

St. Rock UMC pre-Christmas

St. Rock UMC will host a pre-Christmas service and lunch on Saturday at 11 a.m. for all seniors.

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Thurs. 9:25 p. 8:17 a.



Christmas came after all Saturday for several area children who have parents who are on active duty in Bosnia. The event was sponsored by the VFW Post 3253 Ladies Auxiliary in Bay St. Louis, and included presents from Santa and performances by the Diamondhead Line Dancers.



Sheriff probes apparent shoot-out

Circumstances still puzzling
in post-party fracas that left
one dead, one hospitalized

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
Funeral services were held Tuesday for Diamondhead resident Jimmy R. Roberts, 44, who was killed in an apparent gunfight early Sunday in Hancock County.

Roberts was killed in an exchange of gunfire with Joe Beall at Beall's home on Mississippi Highway 53, just north of the Necaise Crossing Community in Hancock County, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

According to a statement issued by Garber yesterday: "The investigation into the shooting of death of Roberts and the shooting of Beall on Dec. 16, 2001 in Hancock County continues. The investigators are looking into the events leading up to the shooting at the home of Beall and his wife Angela Beall on Hwy. 53 in North Hancock County."

"Initial investigation reveals that Roberts and Angela Beall traveled to



Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber's office is probing the weekend shooting death of Jimmy R. Roberts, and the wounding of Joe Beall. Garber said that details are still sketchy, but "Physical evidence may provide more insight as to the events that occurred at the home before, during and after the shooting."

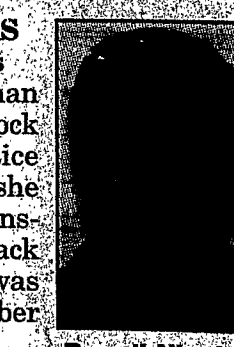
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Drug delivery to inmate lands Bay woman in jail, too

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus
A Bay St. Louis woman was lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility on Sunday when she was alleged to have transferred marijuana and crack cocaine to an inmate she was visiting, Sheriff Steve Garber reports.

Brandi Nicole Hill, 21, 701 Union Street, Bay St. Louis, was visiting inmate Dwayne Dorsey, 20, also of Bay St. Louis, who was being held for a probation hearing. She transferred marijuana and crack cocaine to him, said Chief Investigator Bob Lambert.

Hill was arrested and charged with trans-



Brandi Nicole Hill, 21, was jailed Tuesday for allegedly bringing drugs to an inmate at the Hancock County Justice Facility.

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County attorney plans to step down

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Fighting back tears, county attorney Gerald Gex announced Wednesday he plans to retire effective Dec. 28 after 38 and a half years of service to Hancock County.

The announcement came near the end of Wednesday's recessed meeting of the Board

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An impromptu "beer bust" was narrowly -- and fortunately -- avoided Tuesday after a Corona beer truck got stuck on the railroad crossing at the intersection of Central Ave. and Coleman in Waveland. An oncoming train was able to stop several feet from the truck. No injuries were reported.

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CMR OK's county sand beach plans

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

By a 3-1 vote, the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources Tuesday approved Hancock County's beach renourishment plans.

The decision came after no one showed up in Biloxi at the Commission's meeting room to oppose the project, and after the DMR staff recommended the plan should go forward.

Those voting for the project included: Harry "Chip" McArthur III, Mikel C. Gusa, and Rudy A. Lesso. Commissioner Oliver Sahuque, who represents commercial fishermen on the panel and also serves as Harbormaster at the Hancock County Marina, abstained from voting to avoid any possible conflict of interest. Commissioner Edna Boone, recently appointed to an unexpired term to represent the non-seafood industry, voted against.

Sahuque later told the Echo the county still needs to obtain a water quality certificate from the state Department of Environmental Quality and a dredging permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before it can proceed.

Sahuque said at the hearing Tuesday, Daryl Jones, chief of the Ecology Division for DMR, told Commissioners the U.S. Wildlife and Fisheries Protection Agency has raised concerns about the dredging project.

But, he told the Echo Wednesday now that the project has gained CMR approval, he did not expect any further obstacles.

A meeting conducted by the staff of the Department of Marine Resources in Bay St. Louis late last month drew between 60 to 70 people, most of whom were against the sand beach plans. However, Jim

Maness, a longtime resident of South Beach Boulevard, filed a petition signed by 380 residents, whom he said favored the project.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is proposing to pump in a sand beach stretching almost a mile from Bayou Caddy to near Sand Bayou.

The sand would require hydraulically dredging 225,000 cubic yards of sand from an offshore burrow lying south and west of Buccaneer Park.

Plans are to create a beach 200-feet wide and three-feet high, and to construct two jetties, 200-feet long on either side of the proposed sand beach.

At the November meeting, the Clermont Harbor Civic Association and officials of the Gulfside Methodist Assembly said they wanted the beach to extend to their areas, and opposed any beach renourishment project that excluded their

areas. Other opponents, longtime fishermen and some businessmen, said the new sand beach would deprive them of fishing off the present seawall.

Still others charged supervisors proposed the sand beach to benefit casino developers who plan to revive the former Jubilation gambling site at Bayou Caddy.

There were others concerned that swimmers who wander into the deep dredge site might drown unless there are proper warning signs posted and maintained.

Those who signed the petition circulated by Maness said the new sand beach would protect Beach Boulevard from further undermining.

Maness said recent tests show Beach Boulevard was "so badly undermined it will collapse if it doesn't get a protective beach quickly."

HELPING HEROES



Bay High School sponsor Mary Kay Jones, left, Student Council President Katy Benvenuti present a check for \$1,100 to Gabriella Loiacano and Jimmy Loiacano. The money is being donated to a New York City mother of three whose husband was killed in the World Trade Center attacks.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Bay High School, the Bay High Student Council and Bay St. Louis photographer Jimmy Loiacano are doing their part to help out with the World Trade Center disaster-relief efforts.

On Tuesday, the student council presented a check for \$1,100 to Loiacano for taking photographs at a school dance. Loiacano sent all of the funds to a New York City mother of three whose husband was killed in the Sept.

11 terrorist attacks.

The student council also sent along a letter that said: "This is a small token of our gratitude to your family for your husband's heroic acts. ... Since Sept. 11, some students at Bay High have expressed how much they wanted to help the survivors of the deceased; therefore, we are sending this money to show how much we truly admire and look up to the families affected by this national tragedy."

"Although every person was affected differently by the attack, we think the United States as a whole wants to help the people who lost loved ones throughout this indescribable event. We realize that money will not suffice for the pain you have gone through, but we wanted to show you how much we care. Thank you for accepting our gift, and we wish you, your children, and the rest of your family a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Bay St. Louis City Council considers Hwy. 90 annexation

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

On Tuesday at the Bay St. Louis City Council meeting, Councilman Jim Thriffley brought to the table a discussion on annexation on part of Hwy. 90.

The proposed area for annexation is a short stretch of what city attorney John Scaffide called an L-shaped piece of property.

The property, the western border being roughly McLaurin St., the southern border being roughly Hwy. 90 and extending back along McLaurin, encompassing Goodyear Tire, an auto repair shop and other businesses, then extends in a narrow L about 500 or 600 ft. down Hwy. 90 to the east.

The board voted on a motion to allow the city to begin research on the possibility of annexation.

In other business:

• The Department of Marine Resources presented a check to the city for \$200,000 from Tidelands funds slated to be used for upgrades to the Ulman Avenue Pier.

• Bruce Bourgeois Jr. appeared to request information on a temporary or transient vendors license and to find out the city's official ruling on such a license. Bourgeois and his wife had set up a tent to photograph vehicles at Cruisin' the Coast in October and sell the photographs to car owners laminated on wooden boxes for keepsakes. Apparently, Bourgeois thought that his permits and tax information were in order, but he was ordered by police to shut down the operation. Bourgeois said he and his backer lost \$10,000 on the operation and wanted to make sure that everything was in order for the next year.

"I just read an article in the paper about how this city supports its artists and this is my art," he said.

Council agreed to look into the laws more closely and get back with Bourgeois.

• City attorney John Scaffide announced to council that Jeff Nancarvis was reinstating his law suit against the city. Nancarvis filed a suit against the city, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and the sheriff's department because of an automobile shop, located on sheriff's department property. The shop has since been relocated to a Washington Avenue and Hwy. 90 location.

NASA lends remote sensing to FEMA, N.Y., following September 11 events

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

NASA's Stennis Space Center recently sent remote sensing scientist Dr. Bruce Davis, acting chief of the applications research division of the Earth Science Applications Directorate (ESAD) at Stennis, to New York, where he spent 10 days heading the agency's effort to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) following the events of Sept. 11.

NASA Headquarters asked Davis to act as a technical consultant to its Northeast Regional Applications Center, in Auburn, N.Y., in providing visualizations of the disaster for the governor's office.

Shortly after his arrival, Davis was requested in New York City to provide remote sensing technical assistance to FEMA.

"FEMA asked NASA to provide technical assistance in the use of remote sensing technology to help response teams working at New York's World Trade Center and to determine who potential government and commercial providers might be," Davis said.

"Our Stennis program's strongest asset was our ability to communicate with the disaster response community, deter-

mine their information product requirements and translate those requirements into technical specifications that can be met by commercial or other government agency providers.

"And, where information products were not available, we actually developed a tiger team here at Stennis to create information tailored to the 9-11 disaster."

Some of the questions Davis and his team were able to answer for FEMA included:

* Would oblique photography help? How could we use it near real time to locate buried structures like stairwells, or estimate the volume of the debris pile?

* Why does the Light Detection and Ranging LIDAR data collected have so many anomalies; and what causes them?

* Can we get high-resolution images that penetrate the smoke?

* Are there remote sensing technologies that can detect underground voids?

* How can we get accurate, near-real-time thermal images to tell us where the hot spots are?

In addition to providing information on the above topics, the Stennis team was able to

recommend changes in how the thermal imagery being collected was processed in an attempt to improve its accuracy.

They developed an algorithm for calculating the debris pile that was simple and efficient enough to be run every day.

"Technical information provided by NASA made a real difference in how remote sensing was used during the disaster response."

The real value is that FEMA gained a wealth of knowledge from ESAD that the agency will have at its disposal from now on," Davis said.

"This event illustrates how NASA's investment in Earth science applications and America's investment in the space program can pay off in emergency response situations. NASA is putting in place a program that will leverage science, technology and applications to address real issues of community and even national concern."

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Living Nativity



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'Palace' will get public hearing

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A thorny zoning issue has been plopped back into the laps of Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald and the Board of Aldermen.

P.J. Hughes and her son, Randy Tuggle, appealed to Harrison County Circuit Court last year when the city's Zoning Board of Adjustment voted 3-1 not to extend the nonconforming use zoning, which allowed the former home of the VFW to operate as a social club on historic Scenic Drive.

The mother-son team purchased the property more than a year ago, and has spent thousands of dollars renovating what is now known as the Palace in the Pass. It continues to operate, hosting wedding receptions and other private functions while the case is pending before circuit court.

The developers and a host of supporters appeared before the mayor and aldermen last February, and asked the board to overturn the decision of the Zoning Board, but were told the five-member board, although appointed by the mayor and

aldermen was autonomous, and their decisions could not be overturned.

Circuit Judge Jerry Terry, however, disagrees.

Last week, he granted a motion filed by the plaintiff's attorney, and remanded the case back to the mayor and aldermen.

Frank R. McCreary III of Long Beach filed the motion on behalf of the plaintiffs. "Apparently, he thinks this should be decided by the local governing authority before being heard by Circuit Court," said McCreary.

A recessed meeting of the Board of Aldermen was scheduled last Tuesday night, but the matter of the Palace in the Pass was not on the advance agenda furnished the media.

City Attorney Malcolm Jones confirmed Tuesday he was aware of the court order remanding the case back to the Board of Aldermen.

He explained, "The bill of exception (filed by the plaintiff's) was based on the fact the Board of Aldermen did not grant a hearing to review the decision of the Zoning Board of

Adjustment."

Jones said the city ordinance requires those aggrieved by a decision of the Zoning Board of Adjustment to appeal directly to Circuit Court, so Aldermen didn't think another hearing was required.

However he explained, state statute (which supercedes the city ordinance) provides the case can be sent back to the Board of Aldermen for a hearing, where they can deny or grant the applicant's request.

Jones said it was his plans to "have a full-scale hearing on the matter as soon as possible."

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays approaching, Jones said he hoped to set a hearing sometime in January.

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen is scheduled Jan. 2, but Jones said he would rather set another night for the public hearing, so as not to interfere with regular business on the agenda.

A date for the public hearing would have to be advertised in advance, and Jones said the media would be notified as to the time and place of the meeting.

Complaint filed with state ethics commission

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A disgruntled Pass Christian property owner this week filed a formal complaint with the Mississippi Ethics Commission.

Ron Goutierez has been feuding for months with Mayor Billy McDonald and the city's Zoning and Code Enforcement Office over his request for a variance to build a 450-square-foot house on a lot he owns at the corner of East Royal Oak and Henderson Avenue at the entrance of the upscale River Ridge golfing community.

Most residents oppose his plans, contending the small house would be a "blight on the community" where homes range in the thousands of square feet and are valued at up to a million dollars or more.

In his formal complaint to the Ethics Commission, Goutierez said he had been waiting since July to get a copy of the minutes of a meeting, where the Board of Aldermen claimed it adopted an ordinance setting a minimum of 1,000-square feet for any house built in city limits.

Goutierez said according to the minutes, "The Policy Statement" which Mayor Billy McDonald called a "Housing Ordinance" ...turned out to be only a Motion.

"Housing Ordinance for a minimum of 1,000-square-feet is not on file, according to City Clerk Vikki Goff, as of Nov. 20, 2001," Goutierez contends.

After being advised by city attorney Malcolm Jones in July that he must seek a variance to build a smaller home, Goutierez said he went to the code office last Oct. 17 to file an application. He said Peggy Johnson, the city's code officer, "refused to give it to me."

Goutierez said Johnson and other city officials "have been instructed not to speak to me" unless he makes a request through Jones, and "this is a violation of my civil rights."

"I am holding the city of Pass Christian and all of its governing board totally responsible for these actions," Johnson said, in his formal complaint to the Ethics Commission. "I do not know what Malcolm Jones or Mayor Billy McDonald are thinking, but I can assure you, the Federal Government does not think Civil Rights violations is a laughing matter."

He quoted a provision of the 1871 Civil Rights act, which states, "If a plaintiff's rights are violated, not only the township, but each commissioner as well

as the township manager may be held individually liable."

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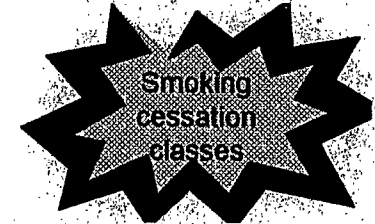
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Beach closing only 45 days, not 90

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The culvert replacement work on Beach Boulevard between Nicholson and Coleman Avenue will not take 90 days to complete, despite earlier reports.

Jeff Clemmons of Compton Engineering, who also serves as consulting engineer to the

Hancock County Board of Supervisors, said this week there was misinformation in a block advertisement placed in the Echo's Dec. 13 edition.

In that announcement, Mid-South Construction, Inc., the contractor for the project, informed residents Beach Boulevard would be closed from Nicholson Avenue to Mollere

Drive for 90 days beginning Dec. 10 for culvert replacement.

"Our contract calls for substantial completion within 30 days and completion within 45 days," said Clemmons. He pointed out the contractor got a jump start, and has been working on the site for the last 10 to 12 days. Some Coleman Avenue merchants had expressed concerns that a long period of construction would hurt business, since there is no direct route from U.S. Hwy. 90 to Coleman Avenue.

Visitors usually turn right or left off Hwy. 90, drive down Nicholson Avenue to turn right on to Beach Boulevard, then left on to Coleman Avenue.

Locals are more familiar with the area, and use Central Avenue, which borders the railroad tracks, to get to Coleman Avenue.

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Recent indictment of judge for embezzlement has AG talking about serious change

FROM THE
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The recent indictment of a Chancery Court judge has Attorney General Mike Moore saying he will push to reform the way Mississippi judges are reimbursed for expenses.

On Dec. 6, Judge Wes Teel was indicted on 13 counts of embezzlement after an eight-month investigation by Moore and the state auditor of Teel's travel and office expenses.

Judges J.N. Randall Jr. and Tom Teel, Wes Teel's brother, paid back thousands of dollars in mileage and meal expenses and agreed to resign by the end of the year to avoid prosecution.

Moore said his office examined expenses for Circuit Court judges, spot-checked other judges across the state and found no other violations of the law. But, he said, he learned the state Administrative Office of Courts' expense-reimbursement system is inefficient.

"It is just not a good system," Moore said. "It is rife with problems."

He said violations are easy to commit and hard to catch.

"The system needs to be changed to protect the taxpayers and the judges," he said.

Moore plans to ask the state Supreme Court, which oversees the Administrative Office of Courts, to adopt tighter expense policies. He said reforms should not require legislative action, and that the Supreme Court and Administrative Office of Courts have already expressed interest in making changes.

Moore said that under the current system judges receive little, if any, oversight of the mileage, meal or office expenses they submit to the state. The state frequently has to write several checks for one expense.

"Forget the possibility of stealing," Moore said. "That's just not efficient."

Moore said he will recommend that someone, most likely at the Administrative Office of Courts, take an active role in monitoring mileage, meal and other travel expenses.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. Community, as well as the community of Bay St. Louis, was saddened by Brother Lawrence's death Wednesday, December 12, 2001.

A native of Carencro, La., but a resident of Bay St. Louis since October, 1936, Brother Lawrence was no stranger to the community. I can recall Brother Lawrence at St. Augustine's since the late 1940's when I was in high school, and my best friend was Joseph Pullizano, whose family's candy shop, Katie's, was across Highway 90 (Ulman Avenue) from the seminary.

Brother Lawrence, a very religious person, was doing lots of things no one else wanted to do, but which definitely needed to be done at the seminary.

Many firsts for African Americans were made by the priests and brothers of St. Augustine's Society of Divine Word, Bay St. Louis, such as being the first United States Catholic chaplain and bishop, yet Brother Lawrence's ministries were in Bay St. Louis.

Many of the community, and this includes lots of non-Catholics, visited St. Augustine religious goods store which he suggested and he operated for over 50 years.

A wood cutter, furnace operator, chauffeur (and he was all-over town chauffeuring, brothers and, priests to doctors, train station, etc.), shopping, postmaster for seminary, religious goods store operator, and many other tasks were his calling. A gentleman, he was a true friend to so many of the community and will long be remembered.

Brother Lawrence was 87, and his funeral was held Monday at St. Augustine's

Santa's time is very near. There are only five days until the visitor from the North comes.

I still notice how well young boys and girls are behaving, and wouldn't it be nice if they behaved that way throughout the year?

I do hope that each and every youngster will receive his or her special requests from Santa.

Our local stores still have a selection of Christmas gifts for those who wait until the last minute to shop.

Remember, it pays in so many ways to shop at home.

Wouldn't it be great if some of the parties held in December could be scheduled some other time of the year?

It is tough when there are two, three, or more events one would like to attend, but all are going on at the same time.

It seems my waistline increases each December. Could that be due to all those extra calories from the Christmas party goodies?

I am told by others they have the same problem with the extra weight during December.

When I really think about it, it just would not sound right for a Christmas party to be held in June.

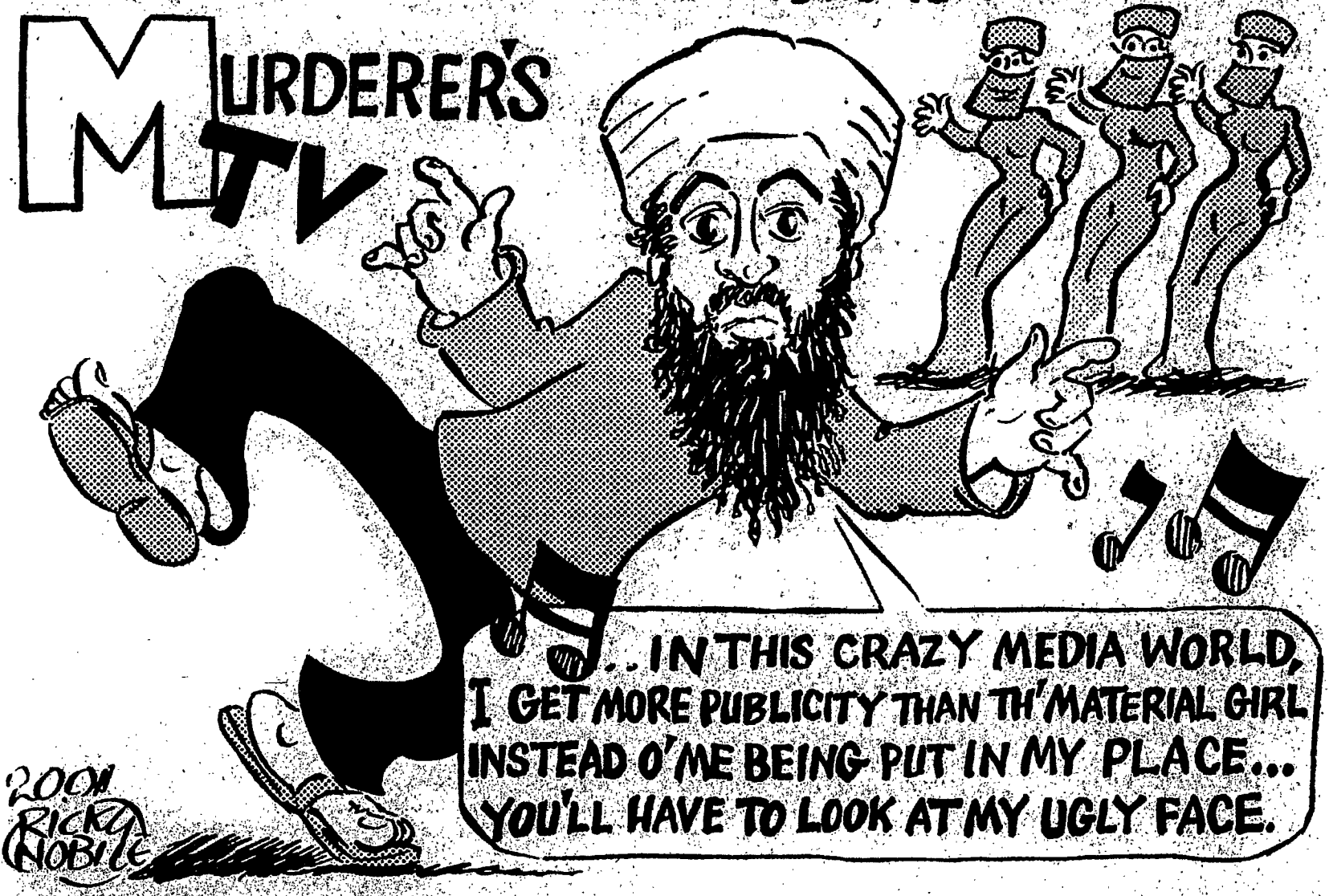
Over the weekend I heard the first robin of the season in one of my pecans trees.

It seems that over the years when they appear cold weather is ahead.

Robins seem to move South just ahead of continuous cold weather, so it looks like colder days and nights are ahead.

Long-range forecasts indicate some cold weather for us by Christmas Day.

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Letters to the Editor

The quiet stores, Diamondhead Waveland & Choice supermarkets

To the Editor: No, the stores themselves are not quiet. Choice Supermarket, Waveland Supermarket, and Diamondhead Supermarket are all as bustling and animated as any busy supermarket on the Coast.

But they are also busy doing things in and for the community, and they carry out their efforts to provide assistance to the community in an unpretentious and quiet manner.

Once every two weeks or so, the call goes out to Hope Haven Children's Shelter. "Hey man, this is Donny. I've got 12 boxes ready for ya ... come and get them."

Later that day, 12 boxes of slightly dented cans, dry goods, and a little bit of everything sold in a modern grocery store is on its way to Hope Haven where it will be sorted for use.

Some of the items will be used right at the shelter. Many of the items, not appropriate for the shelter's use, will be boxed up and taken to the Senior Citizen's Center in Bay St. Louis.

There it will be placed "on display" for seniors, many on fixed incomes, to take home for free. Items that the seniors stopped buying due to the costs and their own limited resources, such as asparagus tips, olives and artichoke hearts make their way into recycled plastic bags with such staples as dried red beans, cornmeal and canned peas.

Dog food and the broken boxes of dog treats wind their way to the Waveland Animal Shelter. This week, most of the items found their way into the homes of needy families to provide both staples and treats for Christmas.

It's more good sense and conservation than charity, this "sharing" of food items that are too beat up to compete with the other items on the supermarket shelves.

When so many people are feeling the pinch of a depressed

economy, especially the older folks on set incomes, it just makes good sense to use the damaged stock in a rational manner.

But not every supermarket does that to the extent that the three stores owned by Howard Hamilton do.

In addition to their used goods donation, all the stores above run rebate programs for local charities, schools and non-profits. Shoppers can donate their register receipts to their favorite charity or non-profit, and the stores redeem them and pay one per cent of the totals, minus sales tax.

This doesn't sound like much, but for Hope Haven it meant additional income of over \$1,500 this year. \$3,500 buys a lot of good things for the kids they serve.

The three food stores also support the local food bank, run special promotions and collections throughout the year and respond to request for "special support" from the various organizations and charities in their service area.

All in all, they bring back the image of a bygone time when all stores were locally owned and you knew the owners and the owners knew their individual customers; when the corner store worked with people who needed a little help at times and where you not only found good food at good prices but also found good friends.

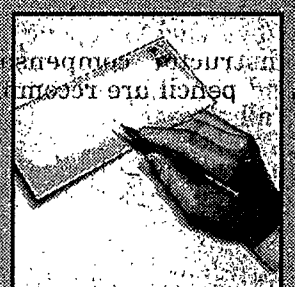
Outside of a sign in each store that outlines the various programs the stores run, you don't hear much about the ongoing support these three supermarkets provide every day to the Coast community.

The owner and his three managers and their staffs are like that ... they're quiet, they don't ask or expect applause or cheers or awards for what they do, but they deserve them.

Terry Latham
Director
Hope Haven
Children's Shelter

Our letters policy

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Hancock doesn't need building codes

To the Editor:

About five years ago, a group of supervisors was elected and immediately started to change things the worst possible way.

Instead of putting pressure on the health department to inspect all the septic tanks and require all those who were creating a health hazard to fix whatever was wrong, and also requiring those people with obvious junk yards to clean them up, they stopped approving septic tank permits and doubled the taxes.

Then they hired someone to install a sewer system. He spent the money and left a messed-up system that would not work.

I can show you a street intersection which they dug up four times to change the connections.

They finally got enough federal grants to finish the sewer system.

As of now, not once have the supervisors let us common ordinary people know how much it cost us or even if it is working without problems, but they are requiring \$35 a month for sewer system service from each and every family living in Bayside Park.

That's over \$300 a year plus about the same for the increased taxes, and also it costs thousands of dollars for each new hook-up.

A complete septic system costs about \$1,000. The tank

will last at least 100 years, but the drainage part probably will need to be changed every 20 years.

It does not cost anything to use this septic system. All the plant nutrients from the sewerage stays on the property.

If you add all this up, it costs about \$5,000 cash more than it did to get started to live here.

The poor people were coming out here to live, but now they don't have enough saved up, so they stopped coming. I'm assuming they get by living in the old hotels and junky houses in Waveland and Bay St. Louis with no future possible.

It is a fact that the supervisors stopped all new construction here.

About nine out of 10 lots are unoccupied. I'll admit that all this is bad news, but now we have some good news.

Hancock County voted down the building code law, because most of the voters lost confidence in the supervisors' ability, to handle this new legislation in a beneficial way.

My opinion is, it would be possible to hire a retired builder to compare ideas with anyone who wants to build a house, for free to them and us voters by taking his salary out of the supervisors' salary after getting a new group of supervisors.

Bill Quandt
Bay St. Louis

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TECHNICALITIES

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant

Q May the board of supervisors transfer money from its road maintenance budget to

pave a walking track for a recreation authority?

A No. County road funds may only be used for roads, bridges

and related purposes and may not be appropriated to a recreation authority.

(Attorney General's opinion to Brooks dated August 10, 2001)

Q Has Section 47-5-938 been amended to require that funds

from canteen operations in regional jails shall be deposited into a special county fund for use by the regional jail in the best interest and welfare of the offenders?

A Yes. (Senate Bill 2869, Regular Session, 2001)

1991: Hidden cameras planted on Hancock district school buses

TEN YEARS AGO

December 5, 1991 - Smile kids! You're on Hancock school buses' hidden cameras. Hancock County School Board members approved the purchase of 10 monitoring boxes Tuesday, for the intended purpose of curbing discipline problems aboard specific school buses.

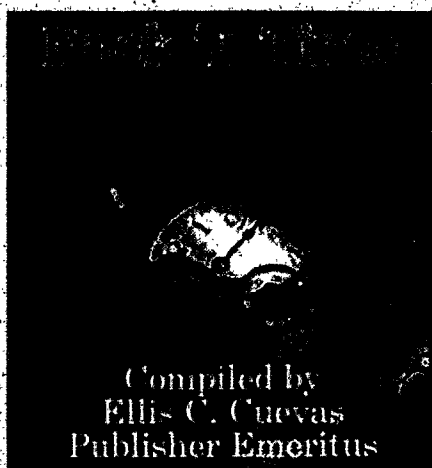
Superintendent Terry Randolph stated, "Hopefully this will help when we have conflicting stories over what occurred aboard a school bus."

Students tend to deny their actions, and parents tend to believe their children. The video/audio tape will give us evidence as to what actually happened."

Blue Cross will increase Waveland employees' insurance costs by 100%. Mayor Stella Frilot informed the board Tuesday. Frilot said the increase is to take effect next month, bringing the price of a single health insurance to \$218.26 per month from the present cost of \$109.13. The city pays 79% and the employee pays 21% of the cost.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 3, 1981 - The



Compiled by
Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Waveland Board of Aldermen Tuesday approved having the ribbon cutting ceremonies to open the newly renovated Garfield Ladrner Memorial Pier in Waveland this Saturday at 11 a.m.

Mayor John Longo said a brief ceremony will precede the event.

Ten-year-old Chuck Karl of the Bay-Kiln-Waveland Boxing Club won the most coveted five-foot-tall trophy during matches in Bay St. Louis Saturday which featured 50 amateur boxers from Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

Three students from St.

Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis are named to the All Deep South Conference football team. Those students named to the first team are Joe Gex of Diamondhead, Sean Logan of Pass Christian, and Quentin Hoda of Kiln.

FORTY YEARS AGO

December 7, 1961 - Mississippi Test Facility is the temporary name assigned by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to its static firing site recently selected in the Gainesville area, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce was informed this week by U.S. Senator John C. Stennis.

Newspapermen along the Gulf Coast got a preview of direct dialing long distance which will go into effect for Southern Bell's Gulfport Exchange January 7 and is about a year from the Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian exchanges at a dinner given by the telephone company at Mississippi City last Friday night.

The old Kiln School and its nine acres were put on the market again by the county board of

education Monday at the request of Rev. Celestine Plannenstiel, pastor of Church of Annunciation which hopes to acquire the property for general improvements of the parish. Previous bids were rejected as too low.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 7, 1951 - Gulfport, Miss. - Master Sergeant Norman J. Glass of 201 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis, has been assigned to head quarters of the New Technical Training Air Force (TTAF) here, it was announced today.

Sergeant Glass is serving as the non-commissioned officer in charge of the services section of TTAF, which operates the 10 major Air Force technical training schools and indoctrination centers.

He is the son of Mrs. Izella Glass of Kiln. Sgt. Glass received the Purple Heart, veteran service in 1942, and is a veteran of two years of overseas service.

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SIXTY YEARS AGO

December 5, 1941 - Mr. E.E. Breland of Leetown has succeeded Mr. A.B. Dubuison as principal of Gulfview School. Mr. Breland left a fine record at Leetown having been principal of the school for the past eight years. He is a native of Hancock County.

Selectees called for induction, December 1. Leaving for induction in Camp Shelby were Will Claud Thomas, a volunteer, and Freddie Surprise Augustus. Scheduled to leave Wednesday are Clem Frierson, Elus Earle Depreo, Jay Tee Smith, Russell William Smith, Dewitt Talmadge Reynolds, Jr., Jefferson Brisco Goldman, Jr., Warren John Buehler, Alvin Lawrence McGathen and Henry Glenn Gibson.

Advertisement - Proclamation. Whereas, the

entire sport loving public of our City is justly proud of the enviable football record of St. Stanislaus, the team just having completed its football season undefeated and untied, and Whereas the perfect record of the team has been recognized throughout the South and in New Orleans in particular, and Whereas an invitation has been extended to and accepted by St. Stanislaus for the participation in the annual Times-Picayune Doll and Toy Fund football game, with McComb High School as their opponents, the game to be played in the Municipal Stadium in New Orleans on the night of Dec. 5, 1941, at 8 p.m.

Now, Therefore, be it hereby proclaimed that the period beginning at 12:00 O'clock noon on Dec. 5th, day of December, 1941, and continuing throughout the day be the same is hereby declared a Holiday so that all who wish to participate in the 'Toy Bowl' pre-game festivities and game may do so. H. Grady Perkins, Mayor pro-tempore, attest; W.L. Bourgeois, Commissioner of Finance, City of Bay St. Louis.

Diamondhead Continuing Education offers winter session Jan.12-Feb. 28

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COMPUTER BASICS I

Instructor: Christine Marz
Monday 3:30-5:30 p.m. No experience needed. A slow-paced introduction to familiarize new users with computers. Topics include mouse manipulation, basic computer terminology and navigating Windows.

BASICS II

Instructor: Christine Reynolds
Monday 6-9 p.m. Basic skills needed. A slow-paced intro to Microsoft Office to include mail merge, spreadsheets and more.

NAVIGATING THE INTERNET/E-MAIL

Instructor: David Brown
Tuesday 6-8 p.m. Basic skills needed. Learn how to surf the Web like a pro - downloading, searching and sending files on the Internet; security concerns and more.

GENEALOGY

Instructor: Mary Postier
Wednesday 3-5 p.m. Basic skills needed. Learn the fundamentals of genealogy - where to begin, where to look, what to read, how to search. Trace your family through the Internet.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

Instructor: John Thompson
Wednesday 6-8 p.m. Intermediate keyboarding skills. Fundamentals of Microsoft Word. Learn to produce business and personal documents using formatting techniques. Compose, edit, create tables, import graphics and more.

INTRO TO EXCEL (SPREADSHEET)

Instructor: Glenn Conover
Thursday 2-4 p.m. Basic skills needed. Learn how to create, format and print a spreadsheet as well as how to apply formulas.

CREATING/MAINTAINING A WEB PAGE

Instructor: Mark Davis
Thursday 6-8 p.m. Basic skills needed. Introduction to creating basic Web page using MS Frontpage and shareware web designers.

ART CLASSES:

All art class tuitions are \$35. Supply fees are to be paid to the instructor during the first class. Classes are six weeks in duration and limited to 12 students.

WATERCOLORS I

Instructor: Pam Marshall
Monday 1-4 p.m. Learn to

have fun with watercolors - how to get started, plan a full sheet composition and find a creative way to paint and finish a painting. Supply list furnished at registration.

CERAMICS/POTTERY

Instructor: Nell Heyns
Tuesday 10-11:30 a.m. Work with clay and glazes to create vases, plant pots, bowls and more. Learn how to fire your creation, on site in our kiln. Supplies \$18.

BASICS OF OIL PAINTING

Instructor: Donna Brown
Tuesday 1-3 p.m. Have fun painting while you learn the basics of color mixing, brush types and sizes, perspective, composition, techniques, types of canvas, and the proper way to frame. Our goal will be to complete two paintings. Supply list furnished at registration.

WATERCOLOR BASICS

Instructor: Linda Theobald
Wednesday 6-9 p.m. Learn how to use the medium and paper to create textures and atmospheres. Paint from a variety of subject matter as you practice techniques and applications. Supply list provided at registration.

BASIC DRAWING/INTRO TO USING COLOR

Instructor: Shirley Cameron
Thursday 1-4 p.m. All levels of competence. Learn about composition, structure, perspective, tone, light, shading, color, value and form.

Use simple materials as a means of self-expression. Develop and create your own style of interpretation of the world around you. Supplies: \$20.

SEWING - CUT TO FIT

Instructor: Kristin Alyea
Monday 6-8 p.m. Basic sewing skills needed. Choose a clothing project. Learn to select and alter patterns and make the final fit. Individual attention for each student. Bring your own materials and portable sewing machine. Limited to 10 students. Women only. Fee \$35.

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH I

Instructor: Dahlia Cangelosi
Monday 3-4. Learn basic skills that will be helpful with travel and medical emergencies as well as for your own enjoyment. Limited to 16 students. Fee \$35. Book: \$16.

SPANISH II

Instructor: Dahlia Cangelosi
4:15-5:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish I background required. Limited to 16 students. Fee \$35. Book: \$16.

BRIDGE I

Instructor: Cal Rogers
Tuesday 3-5 p.m. Introduces game to new players or offers a review of the fundamentals of bidding and play for those who wish to get back in the game. Limited to 16 students. Fee: \$25. Text: \$12.

BRIDGE III

Instructor: Kay Gillam
Tuesday 6-8 p.m. Course devoted to defense. Includes opening leads, second and third hand play, signals and developing tricks. Limited to 16 students. Fee: \$25. Book: \$16.

HATHA YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Instructor: Erlinda Nye
Tuesday 2-3:30 p.m. Learn breathing techniques for relaxation/rejuvenation, warm-ups, postures, and how to listen to your body. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket and a firm cushion. Limited to 18 students. Fee: \$35.

HATHA YOGA II
Instructor: Erlinda Nye
Wednesday 2-3:30 p.m. Prior Yoga experience required. Limited to 19 students. Fee: \$35.

CHINESE EXERCISE (Tai Chi)

Instructor: Anthony Lepoma
Thursday 2:30-3:30 p.m. Learn how to exercise for stress

reduction and relaxation designed for people of all ages and physical conditions. Also, the arts of self-defense and acupressure. Limited to 20 students. Fee: \$60. Videotape with book, T-shirt and pants available from instructor.

CHINESE EXERCISE II/III (Tai Chi)

Instructor:

Anthony Lepoma
Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m. Prior Tai Chi experience required. Limited to 20 students. Fee: \$60.

SPRING SESSION:

Spring session is March 25-May 2. Registration dates: March 11-12. View class schedules by visiting the DCA website

www.dheadca.org. If you would like to be on the mailing list, have a particular knowledge or skill, you can teach to others, or if there is a class that would be of special interest to you, contact Pat Morgan at 225-2049 or 255-3015. (jesnpat@earthlink.net). 7914 Lanai Place, Diamondhead, MS 39525.

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Discussing the agreement between Goodwill and the Hancock County Foster Parent Association are, from left, Val Ward (Goodwill), Terri Yetter (Department of Human Services) and Marcia Longo (Hancock County Foster Parent Association).

Goodwill & Foster Parent Assn. join hands for kids

Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi and the Hancock County Foster Parent Association have made a joint agreement that will result in making clothing and shoes available to foster children in the area.

The program mirrors the arrangement which Hancock County Hope Haven and Goodwill have had for many years.

"We are encouraging people to make donations of clothing and shoes to Goodwill in our name," said Association President June Herron, "as a means of providing clothing and shoes to our foster children."

"While at times the giving of clothing and shoes directly to a foster parent is workable, typically donations in our name to Goodwill will provide us with a much broader array of clothing and shoes."

"Goodwill gives the Association credits based upon donations of any kind made in the name of the Hancock County Foster Parent Association."

Terri Yetter is the Department of Human Services (DHS) liaison with the Association. "The pur-

pose of this two year old Association," Yetter reported, "is to provide support to foster parents, to plan activities for the group and to assist in meeting the training needs of potential and active foster parents in the county." Yetter also said there is always a need for more foster parents.

"Donations in the name of the Hancock County Foster Parent Association to Goodwill," said Bay St. Louis Goodwill store manager Val Ward, "really have a two-fold effect; they provide Goodwill with monies to continue its training and employment programs and they are the means of supplying a variety of shoes and clothing for foster children."

"I am looking forward," said Foster Parent Association member Marcia Longo, "to this relationship with Goodwill being embraced by many folks who want to help with foster care but do not know exactly how."

Goodwill of South Mississippi, a not-for-profit organization, has been providing employment services to Gulf Coast citizens for over 27 years.

Seafood business hopes new process will stop odor

LAKESHORE, Miss. (AP) — Residents who live near a Gulf Coast seafood plant may be getting a Christmas present in the form of fresh-smelling air.

Mary Caillier has been locked in a dispute with the Nguyen family for nearly three years concerning the smell coming from their Carmel's Seafood plant.

Caillier, who lives next door, said the smell has been so bad at times that she was forced to remain indoors.

"We just want clean air," Caillier said. "That's the best Christmas present we could have."

Tim Nguyen of Carmel's Seafood plant said a new disposal process that involves cleansing discarded crab and oyster shells in a chlorine solution before they're placed in a garbage bin has so far produced positive results.

He began the process in the past two weeks.

"It's very difficult to contain the odor," Nguyen said. "People say we are neglecting the issue. That's absurd. We spend about \$20,000 a year to control it."

Carmel's originally opened as a retail seafood outlet and sandwich shop in 1987. Four years later, the Nguyens expanded the business to a processing plant that packages and sells steamed crabs and raw oysters under the Carmel's name to local retail outlets.

Caillier said the odor problem began not long after the expansion. She has taken her complaints to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors on several occasions.

Supervisor Jeep Ladner says Nguyen has followed all the guidelines of disposal.

"It's hard to have a seafood place and not have a smell," Ladner said.

John C. Stennis elected to Mississippi Hall of Fame

Former United States Senator John C. Stennis and renowned playwright Tennessee Williams were among the five people honored with election to the Mississippi Hall of Fame recently.

Consideration for the Hall of Fame takes place only once every five years, and no more than five people may be admitted each time. Nominees are voted on by the nine-member Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

The five new members are Stennis, Williams, Mississippi Chemical Corporation founder Owen Cooper, Judge Burnita Shelton Matthews, and Dr. Jacob L. Reddix. There were 37 Mississippians nominated.

The strength of the field of candidates made the choice a difficult one for the board, said MDAH director Elbert Hilliard. "It is tremendous for a single state to produce so many worthy nominees. We are honored by them all."

Former Governor William F. Winter, president of the Board of Trustees, said these elections are one of the most meaningful functions of the board, as well as one of the most pleasurable.

"These men and women elected to the Hall of Fame represent the widest possible array of leadership, with careers that have had a lasting impact on our state and nation."

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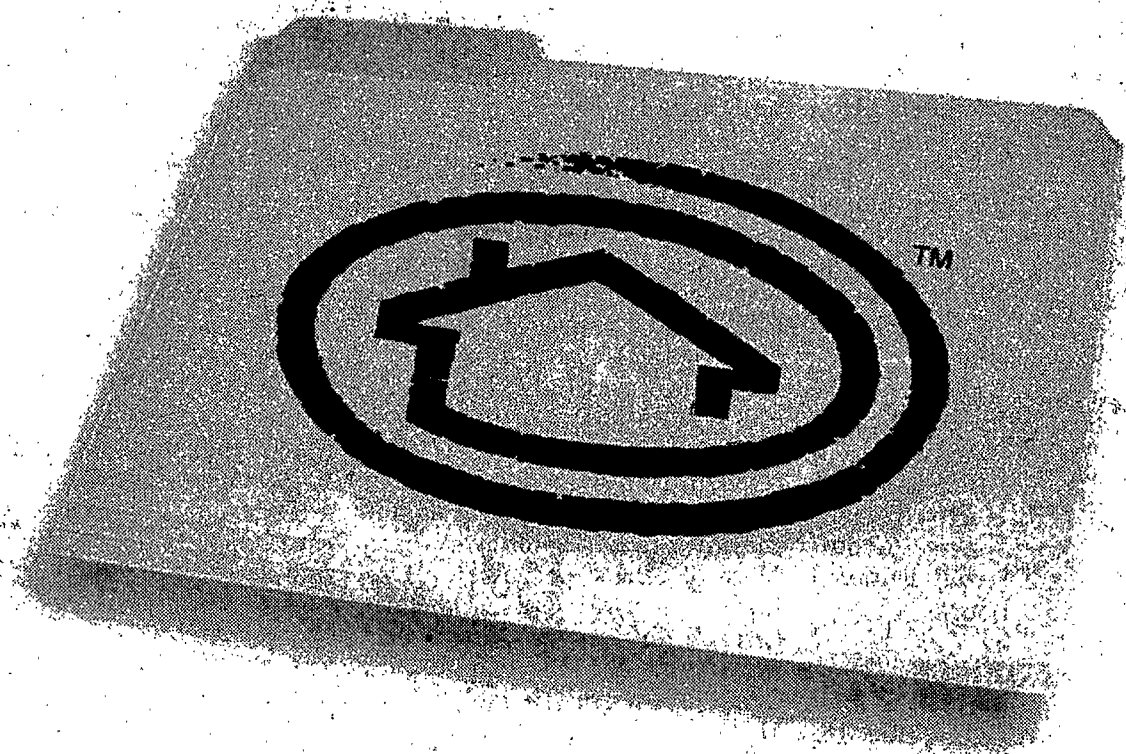
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'Tree of Angels' welcomes pictures of lost loved ones

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The owner of a popular Waveland restaurant has erected a "Tree of Angels" this holiday season for those who have lost loved ones.

Curtis Fouquet, who runs the Cajun Kitchen restaurant near the busy intersection of U.S. 90 and state Hwy. 603, has placed a white-flocked tree on the screened front porch, and is inviting friends and the general public to bring him pictures of their loved ones to hang on the tree.

At the top of the tree stands a huge white angel. Right below, Fouquet has placed a post card showing the twin World Trade Towers in New York. Across the card, Fouquet remembered, "The lots of people

who became angels that day."

The tree also includes pictures of Fouquet's deceased father, Louis, made up like an American Indian when he ruled as King of the Krewe of Chocklaw on the west bank of New Orleans. Other pictures hanging in miniature frames from the tree include one of his adopted son, Kevin Odegaard and Odegaard's best friend, Kenny Chrisman, killed in a senseless double murder in June of 1999.

Fouquet said he intends to make the "Angel Tree" a yearly tradition, and anyone is welcome to contribute a picture of a deceased friend or relative.

Each photo identifies the individual, and the date the person "became an angel," Fouquet said.

Obituaries

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WILLIAM M. ACTON
 William M. Acton, 44, of Kiln, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2001, in Picayune.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

YVETTE ANDERSON
 Yvette Alice Anderson, 86, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Anderson was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and was a graduate of St. Joseph Academy. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus and Elks women support group of the Elks in Little Rock, Ark.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Anderson, Sr.; her parents, Marcel and Ida Bontemps Telhiard; a brother, David Bruce Telhiard; and a sister, Macelite Cook.

Survivors include sons Marcel E. Anderson of Waveland and George "Andy" Anderson of Milton, Fla.; four grandchildren, Brent Anderson, Stacey A. Ladner and Eric Anderson, all of Waveland, and Teresa "Terri" Bledsoe of Kiln; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be today, Dec. 20, 10-11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

W. CLIFFORD SR.

Wallace Henry Clifford Sr., 80, of Gulfport, died Saturday, Dec. 15, 2001, in New Orleans.

Mr. Clifford was born Aug. 29, 1921 in Long Beach. He served in the U.S. Army from Dec. 4, 1941 and was honorably discharged Feb. 21, 1943. He was an employee of Entex Gas Company and retired after 37 years of service. He was a former member of Masonic Lodge and a former president of the Krewe of Gemini. After retirement he worked several years as an independent trucker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Beona Parker Clifford; and wife, Mary Louise Spradley Clifford.

Survivors include Luby Peterson of Kiln; two sons, Wallace "Wally" Clifford, Jr. of Saucier and David Clifford of Destrehan; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001, at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. Services were conducted Wednesday in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Long Beach Cemetery.

JUDITH D'ARMOND

Judith Bush D'Armond, 63, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

HERMAN LOTT, SR.

Herman Lott, Sr., 72, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2001 in Gulfport, MS.

Mr. Lott was a native of Kiln and a resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a member of St. Clare Catholic Church and a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of American Legion Post 77, the Knights of Columbus 1522, the DAV of Bay

St. Louis, VFW Post 3253 and the Hancock County Lawmen's Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents Horace William and Evelyn Lott.

Survivors include his wife Ethel Lee Lott of Bay St. Louis, two sons Herman Lott Jr. of Bay St. Louis and Morris Lott of Picayune; three daughters Susan Starita of Waveland, Donna Green of Lakeshore, and Tinnie McLain of Lakeshore, a sister Dorothy Lacoste of Kiln, 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. with recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Dec. 21, 2001 at St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. Burial will follow at Waveland Cemetery.

LARRY MALLEY SR.

Larry Lawrence Malley Sr., 61, of Boothville, La., died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, in Marrero.

Mr. Malley was a native of Pass Christian.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julie Necaise and Leander Paul Malley; a sister, Laura Malley; and three brothers, Jerry, Michael and Donald Malley.

Survivors include his wife, Melinda Proverte Malley; a daughter, Deborah M. Popich; a son, Larry Lawrence Malley Jr.; three stepchildren, Linda Novak, Robert West and Rae Lynn Beeson; four sisters, Betty Bentz and Judy Malley, both of Long Beach, Myra Kopf of Philadelphia, Pa., and Linda Lee Williams of Jackson; a brother, Ned Malley of Venice, La.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted today, Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. at Mothe Funeral Home in Triumph, La. where friends may call from 6 p.m. to midnight. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian with burial in Alphonse-Malley Cemetery in Kiln directed by Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport.

CATHARINE MATHERNE

Catharine Scaffide Matherne, 86, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Matherne was a native and a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and was a graduate of St. Joseph Academy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Matherne, Sr.; her parents, Andrea and Frances Loiacano Scaffide; four brothers, Joseph, Anthony, Arthur and John Scaffide, Sr.; and five sisters, Bessie Murtagh, Amelia Scaffide, Mary Carter, Frances Frankiewicz and Josie Blaize.

Survivors include sons Curtis Matherne, Jr. of Biloxi and Charles A. Matherne of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Helen M. Gares of Mandeville, Catherine M. Miller of Jackson, Calif. and Frances M. Cagle of Port Allen, La.; a sister, Margie Laguens of Arabi, La.; 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis and interment at Mississippi Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers donations to Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, 228 S. Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

MARD JAMES PAYNE

Mard James Payne, 85, of Picayune, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, in Slidell.

Mr. Payne was a native of Prentiss and a member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joan Payne.

Survivors include his wife, Carrie Lee Payne of Picayune, four sons, Leon Payne of Atlanta, GA., Owen Payne of New Orleans, LA., Morris Payne of Ponchatoula, LA., and Terry Payne of Catahoula; four daughters, Anna Payne of Picayune, Deborah Payne of Waveland, Vanetta Lewis of Kiln, and Cynel Payne Farve of Waveland.

Visitation will be held on Sat., Dec. 22, 2001 from 11 a.m. till noon at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church followed by a service by Rev. Borzell Langham. Burial will be at Picayune Cemetery.

UNICE C. PICKETT

Unice Clemons Pickett, 38, of New Orleans, LA., died Wed., Dec. 19, 2001 in New Orleans.

Ms. Pickett was a member of the New Hebron Baptist Church and a member of the choir.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Francis Clemons.

Survivors include two sons, Freddie Berry Jr. and Fabian Berry of New Orleans, one daughter Francis Berry of New Orleans; a father and step mother, Mr. and Mrs. R.D. and Rosie M. Clemons of Carriere, two brothers, W.G. Clemons of New Orleans and Donald Pearson of Poplarville; three sisters Susie Hudson and Ruby Joe Lewis of Los Angeles, CA., Georgie Mae Lewis of Carriere, four step brothers and five step sisters.

Visitation will be held on Sat. Dec. 22, 2001 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the New Hebron Baptist Church in Carriere followed by a service by Rev. A.D. Jackson. Burial will be at Carriere Cemetery.

MELISSA ROBARDS

Melissa Emmon Robards, 48, of White Cypress, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2001, in White Cypress. Services are pending at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JIMMY ROBERTS

Jimmy R. Roberts, 44, of Diamondhead, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, in Hancock County.

Mr. Roberts was a native of Gulfport and was employed by BOH Construction Co. He was active in softball, fishing, hunting and golf. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years and was a member of First Pentecostal Church in Biloxi.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda McGrew of Gulfport; father and stepmother, Jimmy and Lynda Roberts of Gulfport; mother and stepfather, Tommie and Karl Levine of Pass Christian; a son, James Burton (Rusty) McGrew of Biloxi; a daughter, Brandie Thompkins of Biloxi; a stepson, Jeremy Wahl of Pass Christian; two stepdaughters, Michelle Bond and Bridgette Gause, both of Gulfport; grandparents Zola Mae Harper of Gulfport, Russell Burton Bradford of Gulfport; two sisters, Teresa Ford of Pass Christian and Abbie Cooley of Huntington Beach, Calif.; and four stepgrandchildren.

Services were conducted Tuesday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport. The family requests no floral offerings.

GASTNELL SHIYOU

Gastnell "Buddy" Shiyou, 69, of Kiln, died Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2001, in Kiln.

Mr. Shiyou was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County.

He was preceded in death by a son, Rocky Lane Shiyou; his parents, Gustinell and Flora Ladner Shiyou; and a sister, Annie C. Dedaux.

Survivors include sons Robert Shiyou of Long Beach and Al Shiyou of Kiln; a daughter, Jenny Cook of Biloxi; a brother, Griffon Shiyou of Kiln; sisters Nolia Malley and Vonciel Necaise, both of Kiln, Olga Mae Slade of Lumberton and Flora Mae Eldreth of Bay St. Louis; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Visitation will be today, Dec. 20, 6-9 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Funeral services will be conducted Friday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Standard Sandhill Cemetery.

JAMES YEAGER

James Tonzie Yeager, 59, of Saucier, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2001, in Gulfport.

Mr. Yeager was born July 27, 1942 in Delhi, La. He was a native and former resident of the Delhi area. He was a registered nurse and was retired from the VA Medical Center in Biloxi. He was currently working for Quality Home Health in Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Floy Yeager; and mother, Gladys Madie Yeager.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Yeager of Saucier; a brother, Ronnie Taylor; a sister, Linda Storm, both of West Monroe, La.; brother-in-law John Cowart of Bay St. Louis; sister-in-law Shelia Cowart; and brother-in-law Donald Domino of Chalmette; several nieces and nephews and six great-nephews.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Cox Funeral Home Chapel in Delhi with burial in Delhi Masonic Cemetery.

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The Sea Coast Echo offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25, 2001 and Monday and Tuesday, December 31, 2001 and January 1, 2002.

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The Hancock County Christian Emergency Relief Fund (HCERF) has opened a thrift shop on Hwy. 90 across from the post office.

All items are donated, and all sales go into the ERF to benefit the people of Hancock County. Hours are Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Many items are on sale, from toys to clothing to furniture. "Come in and browse around," a spokesperson said. "We ask that all donations be clean and in good condition and suggest that no one leaves donated items outside the building, but call or come in when the shop is open."

The phone number is 466-0506, or contact your local pastor.

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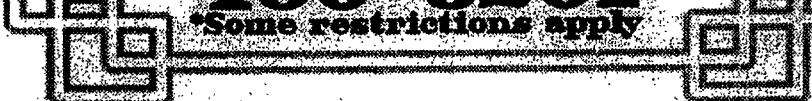
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BUSINESS NEWS

Marquette promoted

Hancock Bank has promoted Juli-Ann Evans-Marquette to operations officer, according to an announcement by Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

Marquette's officer promotion coincides with her recent appointment as public fund depository product manager for the bank's corporate cash management division.

In her new position, Baton Rouge resident Evans-Marquette coordinates public fund depository requests for proposals, portfolio interest rate management, growth and profitability reporting, and relationship management with other Hancock bankers for municipalities throughout Hancock's Mississippi and Louisiana markets.

The Greenwood, native received a bachelor of business administration degree in managerial finance, from the University of Mississippi.

While an Ole Miss student, Evans-Marquette was active in Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, the Society for the Advancement of Management, and the Catholic Student Association.

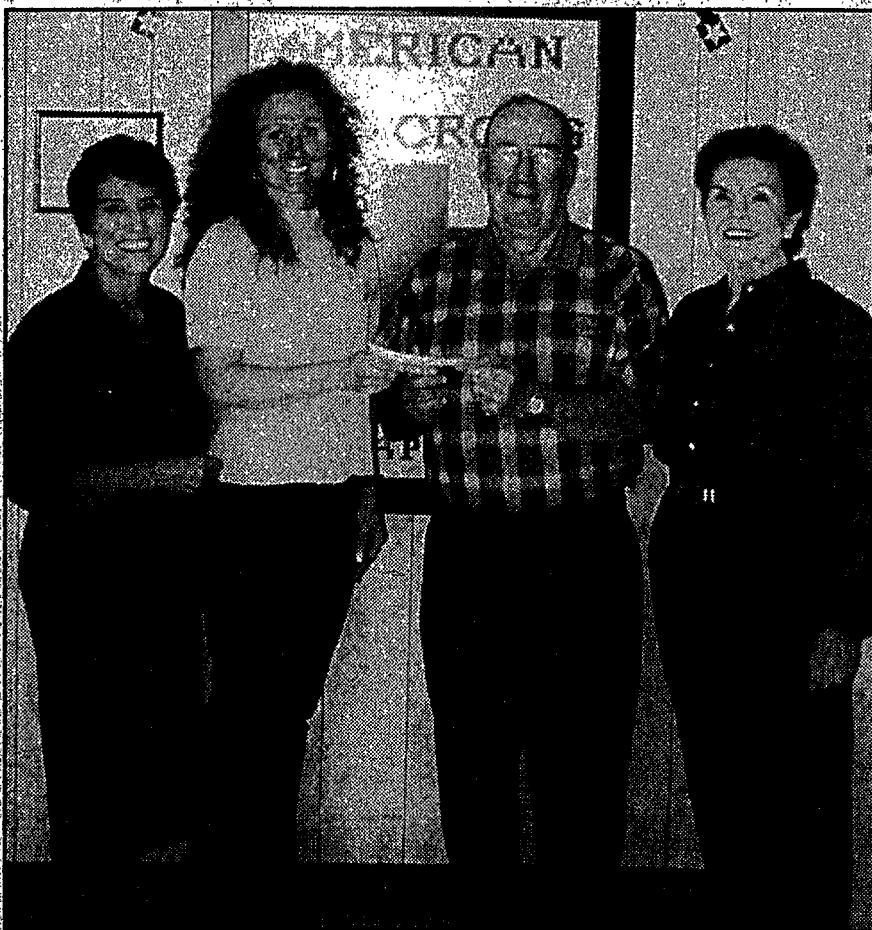
She has been a loan executive with the Capital Area United Way and remains active in Financial Women International. Evans-Marquette joined Hancock Bank in 1998.

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC) - parent company of Hancock Bank (Mississippi) and Hancock Bank of Louisiana - has assets of \$3.7 billion.

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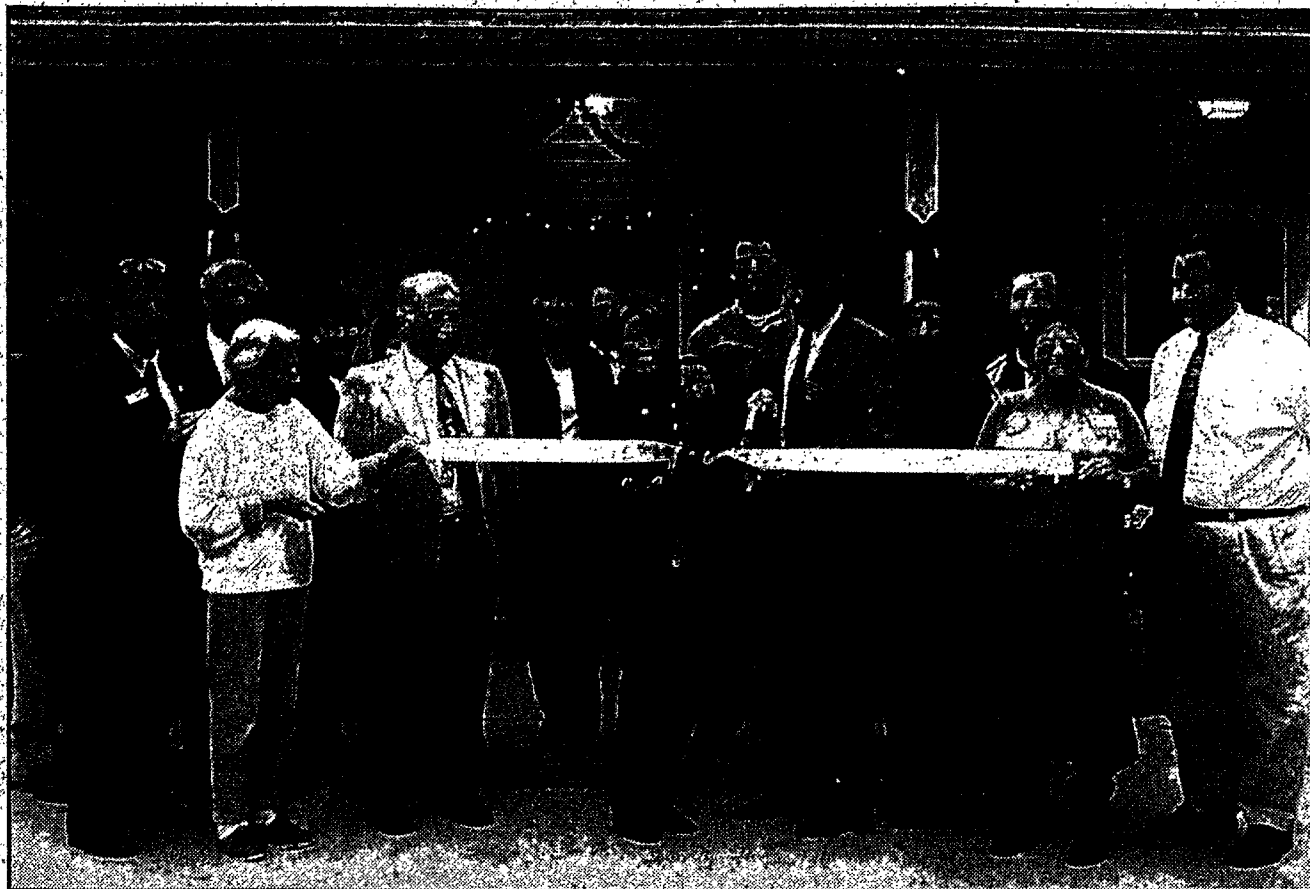


Juli-Ann Evans-Marquette



Donation

Dia Yates, owner of Dia's Gifts by the Sea, recently presented a check for the World Trade Center relief fund to Bob Collins of the Mississippi Gulf Coast chapter of the American Red Cross. Looking on are Wilma Rizzardi, left, administrative manager, Pass Christian Chamber; and Alicia Ellis, chamber president. The group raised over \$600 for the WTC fund.



Grand Opening

Ron Weatherly, Investment Representative for Edward Jones Investments, recently celebrated the grand opening of his new office at 137A Highway 90, Waveland. In attendance for the ribbon cutting and open house were Kelly Cannon, Dusty Rhodes, Robert Kane, Margaret Hadden, Reverend Charles Clark, Lori Weatherly, Ron Weatherly, Toni Becker, Mary Perkins, Herb Dubuisson Jr., and many other family members and friends. Weatherly specializes in investments for the individual investor. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Mississippi Market event to promote state's products

Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced the start of an advertising and promotional campaign to kick off Mississippi Market, a wholesale show featuring Mississippi products.

The event will be held June 14 and 15 at the Mississippi Trade Mart building in Jackson.

Surrounded by Mississippi products such as original artwork, ceramics and furniture, the Governor explained how Mississippi Market is unique in that it is one event that is suitable for all types of manufacturers, wholesalers and artisans - new and old, large and small.

All Mississippi-based companies with products for re-sale in stores can exhibit, as well as companies with products or services to be used by exhibitors or retailers.

According to Jenny Wilkinson, manager of Mississippi Market, "This year we are offering something special to a company that has never before exhibited in the Mississippi Market, a free booth valued at \$425."

To qualify for the drawing, businesses interested in exhibiting should call 1-888-886-3323. They may also enter by sending an e-mail to jwilkinson@mississippimarket.org or send a fax (601-359-3458) with their business name, address and

phone number. The deadline to enter for the drawing is Dec. 31, 2001.

Live ornamental plants are the newest addition to the Mississippi Market. "The Gardens of Mississippi will feature plants, as well as garden accessories and furniture. Plant wholesaler and retailers interested in participating should

call 1-888-886-3323 or visit our website at www.mississippimarket.org added Wilkinson.

During the 2001 Mississippi Market, 800 buyers from eight

states attended. These buyers represent some of the 30,000 retail stores throughout the Southeast that will receive invitations to the Mississippi Market.

They will be purchasing items for retail businesses such as specialty stores, department stores, gift shops, and garden centers.

For additional information, contact Jenny Wilkinson at 888-886-3323. Also you may visit Mississippi Market on the web at www.mississippimarket.org.

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Entertainment

Beau Rivage hosts 'Dreams' to benefit Discovery Center

"Dreams - A Celebration of Young Talent," sponsored by the Beau Rivage, takes place Friday, January 4 at 7 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Theatre.

The performance benefits the WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center.

"Beau Rivage is pleased to support the children's museum in this way," says Jeff Dahl, president of the Beau Rivage. "For many, this will be the first opportunity to perform, whether on stage or behind the scenes, in a full scale state-of-the-art theatre. We think this will be a memorable evening for everyone involved."

The evening will celebrate the dreams of young performers as they share their talents through music and dance. Carolyn Taconi, from the Kirov Ballet Institute in Washington, D.C., and Shannon Black, from the NYU, will dance with young ballerinas from Cheryl Black's Ballet Theatre School.

Angelina Davis, a young

vocalist with five CD's to her credit, will entertain with an original piece written by T.S. Hays.

The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center Chorus, the award-winning show choir "Tropical Wave" from Long Beach High School and the Gulf Coast Youth Symphony under the direction of Dr. Tim Bergman will delight all ages.

Veteran Coast performers David Delk, Therese Evans, Mike Lacy, Wayne Stephens, Anthony Kalberg and others will share the stage to show that dreams do come true.

Jonathan Szymanski, Long Beach 9th grader and member of the WINGS Shooting Stars Troupe, composed the finale, "Follow Your Heart," that captures the spirit of children's dreams.

"We must honor and encourage the dreams of our children," says Tonya Hays, WINGS director. "Their sparks of talent can ignite the world with joy as they discover and use the gifts God

has given them."

WINGS Performing Arts Program offers instruction, programs and productions in violin, voice, chorus, acting and dance.

Tickets are general admission at \$50 for floor level seating, including wine and cheese, and \$20 for upper level seating.

Tickets can be purchased at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport or Beau Rivage Ticket Office.

For more information, call the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center at 897-6039.

Mary Grace Taylor, 5, dreams of becoming a graceful ballerina like Melanie LeBlanc, the mirror reflection. Both ballerinas will perform in "Dreams - A Celebration of Young Talent," a benefit for the WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, held Jan. 4 at the Beau Rivage Theatre in Biloxi.



Dreamer

Mary Grace Taylor, 5, dreams of becoming a graceful ballerina like Melanie LeBlanc, the mirror reflection.

City issues call for artists

If you are a painter, potter, photographer, paper maker, glass blower, carver, storyteller, writer, musician or thespian, dancer, singer or an artist of any related art form, the city would like to include you in their roster of active, working artists.

"Bay St. Louis is a working arts community, and when we brag on our city, it is our artists about whom we brag about first, and for us to have real credibility we need a viable directory of artists," said Mike Cuevas, the city's director of Cultural Affairs.

Artists must live within the

corporate city limits of Bay St. Louis, not just have a Bay St. Louis mailing address. They must live in Bay St. Louis at least six months during the year and have a Mississippi driver's license and be 18 years of age.

"Our efforts are directed to promote from within, confirming our support of Bay St. Louis artists, their development and enormous contribution to our city's quality of life and economy," said Cuevas.

"It's hard not to include everyone who wants to be in the directory from another area, but we hope that this will be the

beginning of a countywide effort to identify and locate all of our artists."

Artists are asked to contact Cuevas after 5 p.m. at 463-7120 leaving their name, mailing address, telephone number and art form.

The artist will then be mailed an information sheet that must be completed and returned by Feb. 18.

The finished directory will be used as a resource for inquiries and other city promotions, especially during March 7-10 BayArts 2002 workshops and related events.

'The Buddy Holly Story' at Coliseum Jan. 10

Buddy Holly is alive and well and will raise the roof at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in "Buddy... the Buddy Holly Story" for one performance only Jan. 10.

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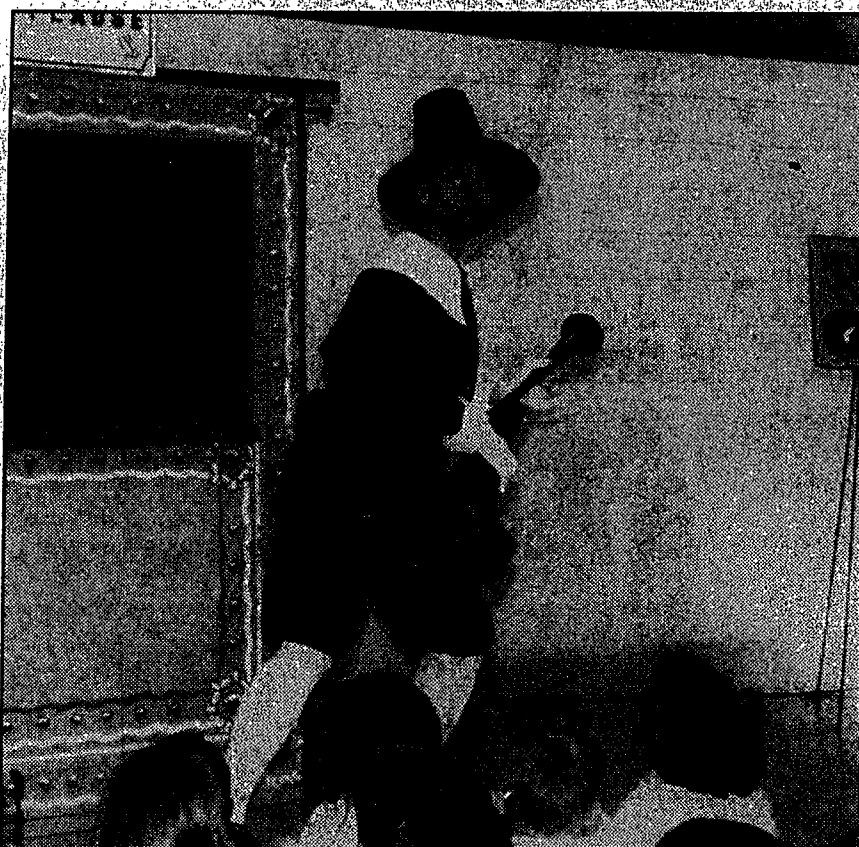
The musical recreates Buddy Holly's story from his days singing country music in Lubbock, Texas, to his debut with The Crickets and ends with a rollicking recreation of his last concert with Richie Valens, the Big Bopper and Dion at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, on Feb. 2, 1959.

One of the giants of early rock, he was one of the most important and influential performers of popular music and he inspired musicians throughout the history of rock 'n' roll including Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Marshall Crenshaw, The Rolling Stones and countless others.

Holly's original sound and talent is highlighted in the show through live renditions of his greatest hits including "Peggy Sue," "Oh Say," "Maybe Baby," "That'll Be The Day," "Rave On" and "Words of Love" among others.

Rock 'n' roll legends Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper are also featured performing their hits "La Bamba" and "Chantilly Lace."

Tickets are \$22, \$30 and \$35 plus TicketMaster fee. Tickets are available now at the Coliseum Box Office and all TicketMaster outlets.



Puppeteers visit

The Porta Puppet Players from Metairie recently entertained K-5 students and faculty members at Charles B. Murphy Elementary in Pearlington. "The Bewitched Pilgrim" puppet show engaged student assistance as a Pilgrim looked for a Thanksgiving turkey while finding such characters as Ethel Mermald, Christmas Seal, Marty Crawfish and other humorous puppet characters. On the same day as the show, each student received one take-home book, compliments of the Reading Is Fundamental program whose theme for this first of three book distributions was "Feast on Good Books." Both activities were made possible through the Hancock County School District's School-to-Careers grant program that encourages career awareness, experience, and exploration.

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Pass Christian Citizen of the Year



Jeanne Marie Tagge, left, receives the Pass Christian 2001 Outstanding Citizen Award from the Pass Christian Rotary Club in a special ceremony last week.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Jeanne Marie Tagge was the recipient of Pass Christian's 2001 Outstanding Citizen Award, which is presented annually by the Pass Christian Rotary Club.

The Annual Banquet of the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce and The Rotary Club of Pass Christian was held Wednesday evening, December 12, at the Pass Christian Yacht Club, with over 100 in attendance. The Head Table was comprised of the presidents of both organizations, Alicia R. Ellis and Karen Parsel, respectively, along with Mayor Billy McDonald; Senator Deborah Dawkins; and Dr. Craig Dawkins; Senator and Mrs. Scottie Cuevas; Representative Diane Peranich and John Peranich; Representative Jim Simpson; and Harrison County Supervisor and Mrs. Marlin Ladner.

According to Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Director Wilma Rizzardi, "Our Outstanding Citizen, Jeanne Tagge, has

given time and talents to activities in both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Jeanne was Den Leader for BSA Pack 316 for 6 years, Cub Master for 7 years and Day Camp leader for 3 years - all from September 1986 through June 1993. During these same years, she also served as GSA Brownie Troup Leader, '84 - '88, Junior Leader, '85 - '95, Cadette Leader '93 - '96 and Senior Troup Leader '96 - '99. While being Troup Leader and Service Unit Manager for the Gulf Pines Girl Scout Council until June 2001 and Cookie Manager for the Pass, '89 - '01, Jeanne served in many positions in scouting, as well as a Choir member, Youth minister and Civic volunteer. During 15 years in the scouting movement, she has touched many lives. In 1999, Jeanne, as a Gulf Pines Girl Scout Representative on County Supervisor and Mrs. Marlin Ladner.

According to Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Director Wilma Rizzardi, "Our Outstanding Citizen, Jeanne Tagge, has

Gex -- stepping down

of Supervisors at a routine time when Gex usually briefs supervisors on the status of the many issues he handles on behalf of the county.

After briefing supervisors on three separate pending issues, Gex teared up, and fighting back tears, announced, "Last but not least, I am going to tender my retirement effective Dec. 28. I'm retiring, but I'll still be around. Thanks to everybody for putting up with me for so long. I love you guys."

Gex explained, under state retirement law, he would be unable to assist the county in an official, legal way for a 45-day period after Dec. 28, but he said he would make himself available to provide advice to his successor and to supervisors. The announcement by Gex left most supervisors



Gerald Gex

speechless until District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour spoke up to praise Gex for his long service to the Board.

"You've got to be a special person to have survived in the political system for so long,"

said Seymour.

Seymour recalled it was a fresh board of five new supervisors and Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar, who took office almost six years ago. He said the freshman board relied heavily on Gex to keep them within legal boundaries.

Seymour succeeded his father, the late Wilmer R. "Wimpy" Seymour in the District 4 seat, and said the best advice his dad gave to him was to rely on Gex for guidance.

The board approved Gex's request to retire "with regrets," and moved quickly to appoint a successor. Board President Rocky Pullman motioned to offer the appointment to Waveland attorney Ronnie Artigues Jr., who often has worked with Gex on county issues and has handled other

cases on a consulting basis.

Pullman's motion passed unanimously, and late Wednesday the board went into an executive session with Artigues to iron out details or to see whether he would accept the position, which pays around \$34,000 a year. (Artigues currently serves as city attorney for Waveland, and might have to resign that position.)

Gex began his tenure with Hancock County in March of 1963 when he was appointed the attorney to the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission. He became county attorney in September 1986, succeeding several who served brief terms as attorney and has served in that capacity ever since, surviving several changes on the Board of Supervisors.

Shooting -- one dead, one wounded

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Roberds' company Christmas party (Broadmoor Construction) in New Orleans on the evening of Dec. 15. After leaving the party, the two arrived back in Hancock County at the Beall home where Mr. Beall was located alone.

The investigation reflects that Roberds entered the house and shot several rounds at Beall, striking him in the stomach once. Mrs. Beall was able to summon authorities by calling 911. The investigation also

reveals that Mr. Beall obtained a weapon from within his house and returned gunfire to Roberds, striking him in the chest. An autopsy revealed that Roberds died from a single gunshot to the chest.

Initial reports that Angela Beall has been assaulted and held hostage in her vehicle on the way home from New Orleans continue to be investigated. Investigators continue to interview witnesses who were with Angela Beall and James Roberds during and after the

Christmas party in New Orleans.

Investigators from the Mississippi Crime Laboratory crime scene unit and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office continue to examine the physical evidence found at the scene. Investigators hope that the physical evidence may provide more insight as to the events that occurred at the home before, during and after the shooting.

A spokesman from Garden Park Hospital reported that

Beall was in still in serious condition yesterday.

Garber said no charges have been filed at this time. Garber said that Chief Investigator Bob Lambert is leading the investigation from the sheriff's office, assisted by Investigator Kenny Hurt.

Assisting agencies are Norma Stigler, Hancock County Coroner; Mississippi Gulf Coast Crime Laboratory; and the Hancock County District Attorney's office.

Local PRCC alumni group offering two full-tuition scholarships

The local chapter of the Pearl River Community College Alumni announces the availability of two scholarships for students from Hancock County.

The scholarships are for full tuition and will be given for the first time in January for the 2002 spring semester for two students already at PRCC.

The recipients will be chosen by the PRCC Scholarship Committee based on the following criteria:

> Recipient must be a graduate of any high school within Hancock County.

> Recipient must be a full-time student and possess financial need.

> Recipient must maintain a 2.5 GPA.

The scholarships are being administered by the Pearl River Community College Development Foundation.

Applications may be obtained from the Foundation Office located in the Alumni House on campus at PRCC.

The deadline to apply for the scholarships is Friday, Jan. 18. For additional information, contact the PRCC Foundation office at (601) 403-1183 or Hancock County Alumni Chapter President Frank Ladner at (228) 467-7130.

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SAV-A-CENTER CORRECTION

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Delivery -- busted at jail

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ferring a controlled substance into a correctional facility, and her bond was set at \$15,000, while Dorsey was re-arrested and received additional charges for having a controlled substance in a correctional facility, Lambert added.

Lambert said there is no probation for a person convicted for transferring a controlled substance into a correctional facility.

In another arrest, Deputy Danny Gilkerson, in making a

routine traffic stop, recovered 15.7 grams of crystal methamphetamine from a suspect Monday, according to Lambert.

James R. Smith, 31, 3047-B Jackson Landing, Nicholson, Miss., was arrested and

charged with having a controlled substance and intent to distribute. A digital scale was also found in the glove box of his vehicle. He posted a \$30,000 bond and awaits a hearing, Lambert said.

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Mississippi highways rank among the worst

By Linda Breazeale
MSU Ag Communications

Mississippi has earned a first-place rank that no state would envy: highway deaths.

The National Safety Council Accident Facts 2001 ranked Mississippi first in three categories for motor vehicle deaths.

The state had the greatest number of traffic deaths per million miles driven, per 10,000 vehicles registered and per 100,000 population.

Herb Willcutt, an agricultural engineer with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said the report indicates alcohol is a factor in about 59 percent of Mississippi's motor vehicle accidents. The national average is almost 38 percent.

"The greater problem is improper driving, which is to blame for about 60 percent of all accident fatalities and injuries," Willcutt said. "The No. 1 improper driving issue cited is excessive or unsafe speed accounting for nearly 25 percent of all accidents. Failure to yield was second, accounting for 20 percent."

Willcutt said the best ways for Mississippi travelers to protect themselves on the state's roads are to allow plenty of time for driving to destinations, to wear seatbelts and to avoid distractions.

"You don't have control over who else is on the road, but you can be alert and watch out for the other guy," Willcutt said.

"Avoid using a cell phone or anything that distracts you from driving correctly. Avoid driving under stress. When driving is necessary, consider all medications that can contribute to unsafe driving, such as medications that may cause drowsiness."

Billy Terrell, director of Mississippi's Office of Highway Safety, said the large number of rural roads in the state plays a factor in the high number of motor vehicle deaths.

"Every time there is a fatality on a rural road, it skews the formula," Terrell said. "We are making progress, but we still need to do better. Mississippi used to have one of the lowest seatbelt rates in the nation, but we're hoping to change our statistics with efforts like the click-it-or-ticket program to increase seatbelt usage."

Nationwide, one person dies every 33 minutes from an impaired driver, Terrell said the best line of defense against an impaired driver is the seatbelt and child safety seat.

"In addition to safety restraints, getting drunk drivers off the road is a priority for Mississippi law enforcement," Terrell said.

December is national and statewide Drunk Driving Awareness Month. We want to increase the public's awareness of the danger. Officers will be watching even more closely during the holidays to spot dangerous drivers."

USMGC spring registration

Some key dates are fast approaching for students of the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Final registration for new graduate and re-applying students is from 2-6 p.m., Jan. 3, at the Gulf Park campus. Final

registration for new undergraduates is from 2-6 p.m., Jan. 4, at the Gulf Park campus. Late registration for all students begins Jan. 7-11. Spring classes begin Jan. 7. For more information, contact USMGC Recruitment at (228) 865-4599.

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MSU Horticulturist
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Trends toward richer colors during the holiday season may be one reason Plum Pudding, a new maroon poinsettia, will be in demand this year.

Excelling in consumer and grower trials, this beauty also is sure to delight lots of Mississippi State University fans who still want to show their school colors during the holidays.

Plum Pudding originated from Paul Ecke Ranch in California, which has been bringing us poinsettias since the late 1800s.

One of the reasons this color is so popular in Mississippi may not be any allegiance to MSU, but the fact that many dining rooms, studies and living rooms now have a maroon, burgundy or dark mauve influence. While red seems to clash, Plum Pudding excels.

Before my Ole Miss friends go off on a tirade, remember that we have always had red poinsettias. In fact, another hot new poinsettia for the year is called Winter Rose. Its most popular color is red, but it is available in other colors as well.

When I first saw Winter Rose, I thought it would be a market flop. As often happens I am getting to eat my words. The Winter Rose is flying off the shelves. If you want these poinsettias with curled rose-like bracts, you had better shop fast.

This year Mississippi growers will produce between 250,000 and 300,000 poinsettias, so you can enjoy a beautiful healthy poinsettia this holiday season.

Most shoppers know poinsettias by color, not variety. The colorful parts of a poinsettia are actually modified leaves known as bracts. The true flowers are the small yellow buttons in the centers of the bracts.

One popular variety is the Sonora Jingle Bells that have dark red bracts with white flecks, giving it a peppermint look.

Next to the maroon Plum Pudding, my favorite is Peppermint, which has dark green leaves and deep red bracts that are shaped like oak leaves. Freedom is a dark red variety with dark green leaves.

It is awfully hard to find a prettier poinsettia than this one. Silver Star is another poinsettia that has garnered my attention. This variety has dark red bracts but also variegated foliage of silver and green.

Monet is my favorite pink variety. Unless you prefer red.

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He was just a small town boy from Alabama, but he just spent the last two months on ...

The Afghani border

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author comes to Bay St. Louis

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

New York Times roving national correspondent, Pulitzer Prize winner and best-selling author Rick Bragg is the kind of guy you'd like to take home to Sunday dinner and serve a big plate of fried chicken (one of his favorite foods), cream gravy and home-made apple pie.

His manner is as sweet and smooth as whiskey sauce on bread pudding, and it is hard to imagine him traversing the Pakistani border that joins it with Afghanistan (from where he just returned), or interviewing a mother accused of planning the murder of her own children (Susan Smith). But in his 20-plus years as a journalist, he has covered everything from sports to disasters to jazz funerals — and more.

It is obvious the minute you meet Bragg that what sets him and his writing apart from the pack are his strong ties to his humble roots in rural Alabama, and narratives that come straight from the heart.

On Tuesday, Bragg was in Bay St. Louis to promote his

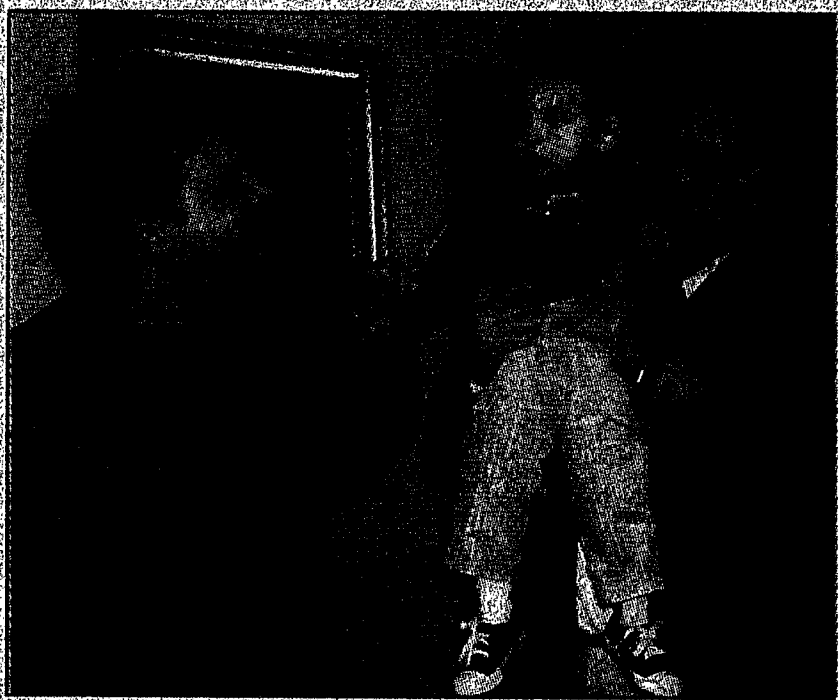
new book, *Ava's Man*, with a book signing and a lecture sponsored by Bookends Bookstore and the Hancock County Library System. He arrived early, hungry, and eager to see some of the area because — though he has been all over the world — he had never been to the Bay-Waveland area.

"I would love to buy my mother a home on the beach," Bragg said, traveling down Beach Blvd. "That is a dream of mine. She loves to walk on the beach — maybe I'll come back over here and look around."

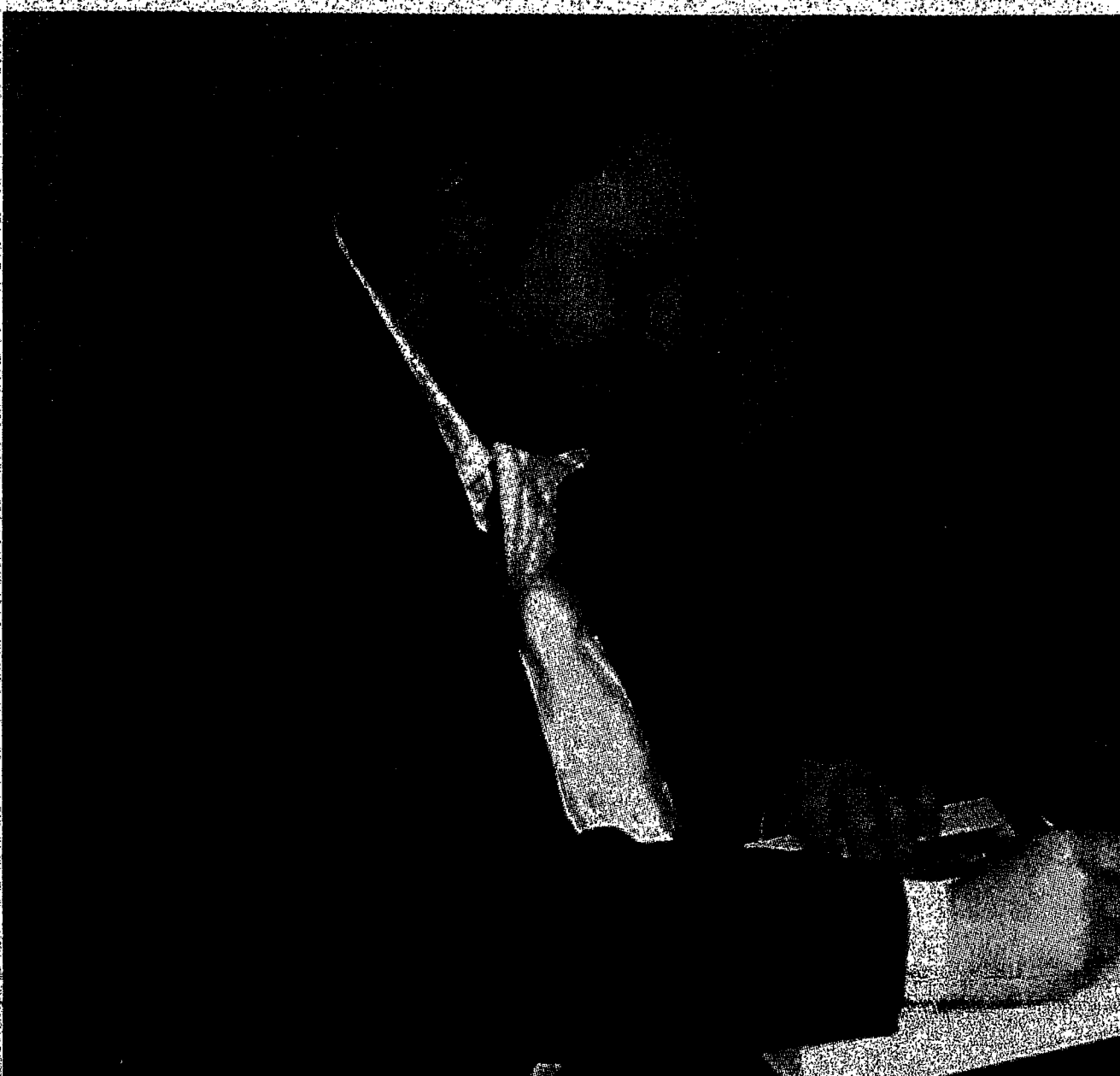
This is the kind of place you dream of being able to live in, he said. "I tell myself that one day I'll find a little town and a little newspaper and go back to doing the stories I used to do, ones that don't involve terrible things. It seems as if a lot of my stories involve terrible things."

Bragg was born in Alabama and grew up in a rural area outside of Jacksonville with three brothers, his mother, Margaret, who worked in cotton fields to support the family, and an alcoholic father, all

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Bragg poses with Jeb VonderBruegge, the son of Bryan and Nicole VonderBruegge of Bay St. Louis. The couple aims to "expand Jeb's literary knowledge" by introducing him to authors.



Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Rick Bragg furiously signs copies of his latest work, *Ava's Man*, Tuesday at the Hancock County Library System's Bay St. Louis branch. Bragg came to Bay St. Louis after spending the past two months in Pakistan.



It was standing room-only Tuesday evening at the Hancock County Library System's Bay St. Louis branch for Bragg's book signing and lecture.

You can conquer holiday blues even after Sept. 11

FROM THE UNIVERSITY
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The horrific Sept. 11 attacks, which cast a pall over the country, the economy and the holiday season, have left many still dazed.

Add to those aftereffects a war in Afghanistan, a faceless anthrax attacker, and uncertainty about the future, and some people may have difficulty coping with the mental aftermath.

Those who usually struggle with depression during the holidays face an even tougher time this year. However, Dr. Abbe Finn, an assistant professor of counselor education in the University of Mississippi School of Education, said following some basic tips can help beat feelings of despair, without avoiding them altogether.

"Right now, statistics show that many New Yorkers are going into treatment centers for substance abuse. With such huge stresses, people are overwhelmed," said Finn, who in September joined an international crisis management team that counseled attack survivors in lower Manhattan.

"There are many basic things that people ought to do anyway, such as avoid excesses of food, alcohol, company, too many social obligations," said Finn, who is certified in crisis intervention, post-traumatic stress, and other specialized counseling skills. "The best thing to do is to maintain balance or try to achieve it."

You can help yourself heal by doing "things that nourish the soul," listening to music, enjoying the arts, doing things you enjoy, spending time outdoors

and limiting your exposure to the news and current events, she said, offering these other suggestions:

— Repeat what has worked: "Surround yourself with upbeat people and avoid things that increase your sadness," said Finn, who teaches and volunteers in the University Counseling Center. "Find someone to talk to, whether it is a compassionate friend, minister, or family member. If you share your grief, it's easier to manage."

— Recognize your loss/grief, don't mask your feelings. "Think about the source of your sadness," Finn said. "It's OK to have these feelings. Don't try to stay so busy that you never have a chance to think about them; you have to."

— Lessen anxiety. Finn discourages such unhealthy habits

as smoking and drinking and recommends exercise and "spending time in the sunlight when you can."

— Find ways to include overseas military friends and family in daily routines. Finn recommends that friends and relatives of service members write them letters, include them in their prayers, and devise other ways to keep loved ones in mind. "Decide on a time to watch the news, but don't over-expose yourself to current events," she said.

— Lonely? Find other people to be with. Rather than staying home and ruminating on your negative feelings, force yourself to be with others. "Go to a shelter and serve food," Finn said. "Find a way to serve others and feel better."

— Avoid overbooking yourself. Take time off for yourself.

Burying yourself in work won't bury your feelings. Tight on time? Finn recommends avoiding gatherings that demand too much of you. Sleep late once in a while and schedule time off from work. For those who have young children, hire a babysitter and get a few hours to yourself, whether you're away or still at home.

— Make plans that make sense. Adjust financial plans to reflect reality.

Should such symptoms as difficulty sleeping, anxiety, lack of energy, and inability to concentrate become too unbearable, Finn suggests professional help. But for others, the passage of time often is half the winning prescription.

A lot of people ruminate about their sadness and don't

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SPORTS

War on the Shore returns to SSC

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

On Saturday, December 22, the War on the Shore returns to the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium. This year the field of teams include several are teams with a girls game to be added to the lineup.

St. Stanislaus, the host team, will once again host the Coast classic that has pitted some of the state's most promising hardwood players in years past.

Some of the names to grace the gym floor on the campus of SSC are former Picayune Memorial High School and current NBA star Jonathan Bender, former All-SEC and Ole Miss forward Rahim Lockhart, current Ole Miss stars David Sanders, Aaron Harper, and Justin Reed. In addition to those basketball greats, there have been other sports stars that have traversed the floor as gymrats in high school. Some of

the other stars are LSU offensive lineman and former SSC athlete Stephen Peterman, former Ole Miss linebacker and SSC alum Correy Gex, and former Mississippi State high jumper and SSC All-American Vince Moran.

This great day of basketball is a must for those who follow the steps on the hardwood.

The 2001 edition of "War on the Shore" is no different. This year the teams will include SSC, Bay High, Gulfport, Biloxi, defending Louisiana state champion Jesuit High School of New Orleans, Holy Cross of New Orleans, Hattiesburg, South Pike High School, Harrison Central, and Choctawhatchee of Florida.

SSC returns a small but very athletic lineup to the floor. This quintet prides themselves on tenacious defense that drives opponents nuts for 32 minutes. Wow, what a show!

The Bay High Tigers bring a new and improved full-court game to the floor under the direction of head coach Danny Grieves. Coach Grieves brought home a state championship to Morton High School a few years ago.

The Gulfport Admirals are playing without a home gymnasium this season and are currently undefeated.

Biloxi is the defending Mississippi Class 5A state champion and seem to have not lost a beat from their banner season a year ago.

The Jesuit Blue Jays make the trip to Bay St. Louis as the defending Louisiana state champions.

The Holy Cross Tigers bring their disciplined and fundamental basketball from the popular Catholic School league of New Orleans to Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Hattiesburg makes the trip

south with a potent attack that is sure to drive fans crazy.

Harrison Central brings a tradition of state championships to Bay St. Louis that is just too long to list. The Red Rebels will also suit up high school All-American Byron Sanders in the paint. Come get a glimpse of the 6'9" big man.

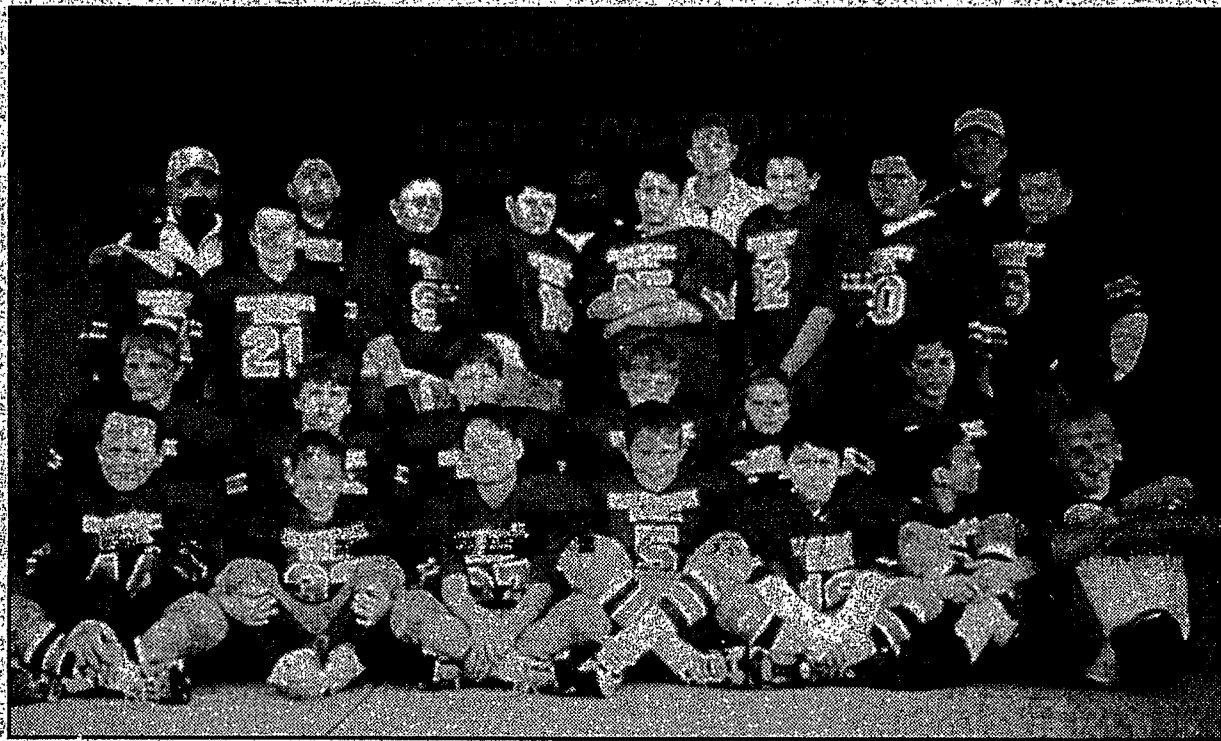
Choctawhatchee of Florida makes the longest trip to Bay St. Louis, but will bring the tallest player ever to suit in the War on the Shore. The team's center stands an imposing 7'2".

South Pike travels down from Magnolia to make their first appearance in the annual December classic.

Finally, the first girls game played in the annual event pits traditional powers Bay High and Hancock. These two teams simply lay it all on the line each time they play. If you want to see the girls get at it, then this is the game for you.

If you are a high school basketball fan and are looking to catch a glimpse of the future of Mississippi basketball, then come on out to the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on December 22 for a treat. See you at the game!

FIGHTING TIGERS



Members of the 11-12 Bay St. Louis Tigers recently played in the opening game of the Pee Wee Pigskin Classic, the annual coastwide pee wee football bowl of champions. The members include, front row from left, Joey Jenkins, Ryan Kingston, Brant Perniclaro, Colby Adam, Ben Spurlock, Richie Scheuermann, and Zach Bouma (manager); second row, Chris Bounds, John Stahl, Todd Surla, Joshua Chrisman, Tyler Rogers, Tony Connetti and Chaquille Lewis; standing, Terrill Davis, Coach Randy Scheuermann, Paul Farve, Mathew Matrangola, Cody Walsh, Josh Elliott, Destin Johnson, Robert Bare, Head Coach Dwayne Allemen, Roy Sims, Brett Barbetta, Coach Kevin Gallagher, and Andrew Gallagher. Not pictured are Brennan Bell, Charlie Connetti and Ashton Norton (manager).

Soccer update for Bay, Pass, OLA

Bay High-Biloxi

The Bay High Lady Tigers fell to the Biloxi Lady Indians 5-1 Tuesday night in a non-district high school soccer game. Samantha Billingsley scored the lone goal for Bay High. "Megan Corr had eight saves with a great defensive effort from Nike Grieves, Samantha Polkey and Billingsley," said coach Lee Bosarge.

The team will travel to

Picayune for its next game on January 8, 2002.

Bay High-Pass Christian

Katie Fillingame scored five goals as the Bay High School Lady Tigers defeated the Pass Christian Lady Pirates 12-2 Monday night in district soccer play. Jessica Hearty scored three goals and Samantha Billingsley had two as the Lady Tigers ran their record to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in district.

Whitney Thomas and Samantha Polkey also scored for Bay High. Robin Fletcher had two assists while Sky Thomas, Fillingame, Jeanne Bonnet Martin, Thomas and Billingsley each had one.

OLA-Newman

Our Lady Academy lost to Louisiana 3A state champion Newman 2-0 last Friday in high school soccer action.

Fire Dogs hire new general manager

The Mississippi Fire Dogs of the National Indoor Football League, NIFL, have announced that Steve Odham has taken over as the team's new general manager.

Odham comes to the Fire Dogs after being in coaching for 20 years in Louisiana and Mississippi. His management experience comes from the three fitness centers he successfully managed in Louisiana over a six-year period.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me and quite a change from coaching. I look forward to doing whatever it takes to make this an even more successful organization," said Odham.

Head Coach Irvin Favre said, "With the management experience Steve brings to the table, along with his football background, we feel confident he can make this a top-notch organization."

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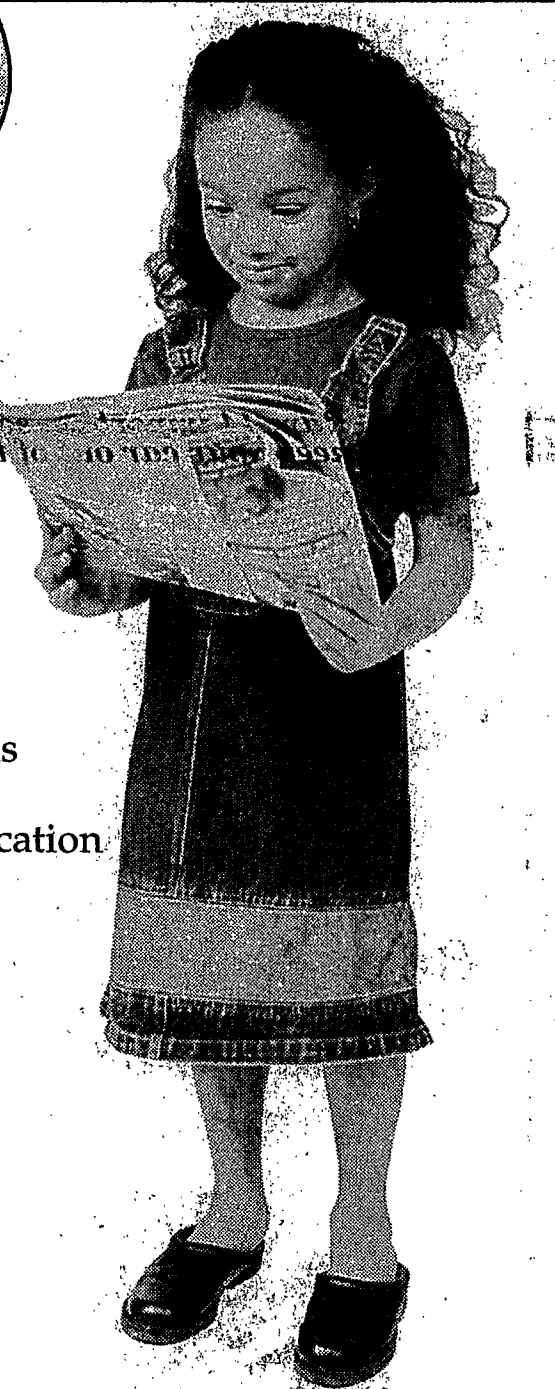
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Bragg -- in Bay St. Louis

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of whom provided the basis for his first book, *All Over But The Shoutin'*. Through his teens, Bragg cut timber and cleared land and worked on the high school newspaper. After high school, he landed a job at the *Jacksonville News*. His goal was not to work at the *New York Times*, he said, but to work as a sports writer at the *Anniston Star*.

"I never would have dreamed at the time that anything like that could happen," said Bragg. "I never would have dared."

But soon Bragg was making his way up in the world of journalism and in his mid-20s, he found himself at the *Birmingham News*, "the biggest paper in the state," he said. After three years at the *News*, he returned to *Anniston* for a few months and then got an offer for a job at the *St. Petersburg Times* as bureau chief at the paper's Miami

branch.

"That's when I got real lucky," said Bragg. "I won the Nieman Fellowship and that paid for a year's study at Harvard. After dropping out of college at 18, this was perfume on a hog if anything ever was."

Bragg studied history, and at the end of the year got offers from both the *Los Angeles Times* and the *New York Times*. He chose the *L.A. Times*, but after just three weeks there, packed up and moved on. "I didn't feel like they fulfilled their promises," he said.

Once again, he returned to Miami, this time as bureau chief for the *N.Y. Times*, and was there to cover the arrival of Elian Gonzalez and the battle that ensued over the boy. He is now based out of New Orleans, and just returned from a two-plus month stint in Pakistan. His assignment was to write about the Pakistanis on the border.

"It was a little scary at times and every now and then I felt threatened," said Bragg. "The sad thing is that no one is glad you're there ... they don't want us there and they don't really like us."

"Along the border there were a lot of very pro-Taliban fundamentalists," he said. "It was not fun to be there and not fun to cover the story because of its association with the events of September 11, but there was a certain satisfaction."

"There was a lot of poverty and virtually no educational system, but there was a beautiful landscape and some really nice and caring people who were drowned out by the demonstrations you saw on television ... people who just wanted to live their lives."

Bragg's books have been a welcome relief from the tragedies he covers, taking him back to the places of his childhood in rural Alabama. The

first, *Shoutin'*, recalls his own childhood memories. The new book, *Ava's Map*, required him to be a reporter, "for my own life," Bragg said. He interviewed countless relatives and family friends to get a clear picture of the man who was his maternal grandfather, who died before he was born and, he felt, had a big influence on his strong and loving mother, Margaret.

"It was fun ... I had a ball," said Bragg. "And at the age of 40, I got to meet my grandfather."

The books, Bragg said, are a tribute to blue collar working people and their families everywhere, and everybody has someone like that in their family tree.

"I've been lucky," he said. "I've been very well received and the books seem to touch people's hearts ... as a writer you are lucky if you can touch people's hearts."

Garden -- poinsettias

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this may be the most beautiful poinsettia ever developed.

The bracts are pink with drifts of a darker pink or burgundy, giving it a painted look. Marble Star is another great pink variety with a creamy white variegation that gives it a marble look.

One myth that has hung around for years is that poinsettias are poisonous. Research at Ohio State University has proven conclusively that the poinsettia plant and its juices are not poisonous.

Look for strong, stiff stems, good leaf and bract retention, and no signs of wilting, breaking or drooping.

Carefully inspect packaged poinsettias before purchasing them. Poinsettias left in sleeves for an extended period of time may become unhealthy.

Transport poinsettias carefully. Strong winds or short-term exposure to temperatures below 40 degrees can permanently damage the plants. Use plant sleeves or large shopping bags for added protection in cold weather.

When possible, place the plant in the sunniest exposure in your home. A window that faces south, east or west is better than one facing north. Don't let the bracts touch the cold windowpanes, since freezing outdoor temperatures can cause damage.

Your poinsettia was greenhouse grown at day temperatures of 70 to 72 degrees and night temperatures of about 60 degrees. Obviously, your plant will last longer if you provide similar temperatures, but this is not always possible.

You can help the next critical area, and that is with watering. Two problems most often encountered with poinsettias center around watering. With the busy holiday season, forgetting to water can be disastrous for a poinsettia.

Examine the soil daily. When the surface is dry to the touch,

water until it runs freely out the drainage hole in the container.

The second major problem results from decorative wraps that can trap water and suffocate the roots. Be sure to pour out any excess water.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154. He can be heard weekdays at 7:19 a.m. on Public Radio in Mississippi.

Reserve officers course

Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center, in conjunction with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, will offer a part-time/reserve officers course in January in Bay St. Louis.

Orientation for the part-time reserve auxiliary academy will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Classes will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays, and approximately two Saturdays per month. The class will run for five months.

Participants must be sponsored by a local law enforcement agency. The fee is \$50.

For information or to make a reservation, call Dr. Barbara Gandy at (601) 554-5532.

The academy is a part of the law enforcement training program sponsored by the State Board for Community Colleges and Pearl River Community College's Workforce Development Center. Gandy is the project manager.

"The goal of this project is to provide individual law enforcement personnel in our six-county district with the skills to perform their police duties safely, competently, at low risk to themselves and to persons they may encounter while enforcing the laws," said Gandy.

Blues

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get anywhere, but increase their anxiety," said Finn, who also has counseled tornado victims, witnesses to violent and deadly crimes, and Oklahoma City bombing survivors.

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The results for Local Administrative Area 5 (Hancock) were:

Eva Lee Smith, County

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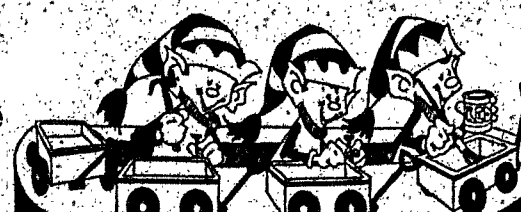
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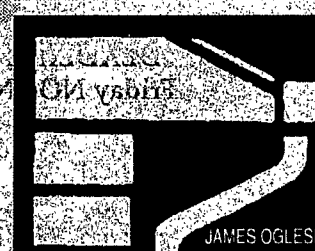
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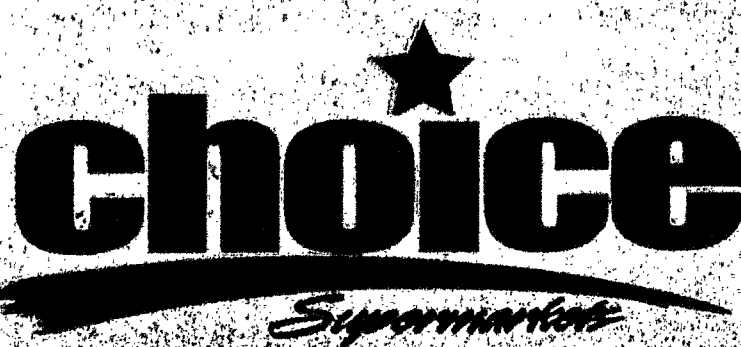
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WAVELAND
MARKET CENTER

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Waveland Shopping Center, Waveland
7:30 am-9:00 pm Sun-Thur
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Debit CardWE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT QUANTITIES AND TO
CORRECT ALL TYPOGRAPHICAL AND PICTORIAL ERRORS.
NO SALES TO DEALERS OR STORES.Sale prices good
December 19-24, 2001Great
centerpiece
for holiday
dinnersUSDA GRAIN FED
Beef Standing
Rib Roast\$4.99
Lb.Quart-Blue
Bell Sherbet
Ice Cream
3/\$5.00ALL RIMS
Blue Bell
Ice Cream2/\$7.00
1/2
Gallon

Frito Lay Tostitos 13 oz. bag 2/\$5.00
Frito Lay Tostitos Salsa Dip 16 oz. jar 2/\$5.00
Assorted Varieties
C.C. Coffee House Coffee 8 oz. bag \$3.99
Assorted Varieties Dole Pineapple 20 oz. can
99¢
Green Giant Select Varieties
Can Vegetables 15 oz. can 2/\$1.00
Le Sueur Early Peas 15 oz. can 79¢
5 pk. Kraft Mac & Cheese 7.5 oz. box \$3.29
Solo Ultra Color Cups 12 ct. 16 oz. \$1.00
Chinet Platters or Dinner Plates 12-15 ct. 2/\$4.00
Blue Plate Mayonnaise 32 oz. \$1.69

POWER
Domino Powder or Brown Sugar 2-lb. bag 3/\$5.00
Jet Puff Marshmallow 10-10.5 oz. 99¢
Breakstone Sour Cream 16 oz. 2/\$3.00
Assorted Flavors
Mrs. Smith's Fruit Pies 37 oz. \$3.99
Assorted Flavors Lender's Bagels 12 oz. 99¢

USDA LEAN & MEATY
Pork Crown
Roast
\$2.99
Lb.

2 LITER
Coke
Products
\$1.69

12-PK-10-OZ. BOTTLES
Coors or
Coors Light
\$7.39

12-PK-12-OZ. BOTTLES
Heineken or
Amstel
\$10.99

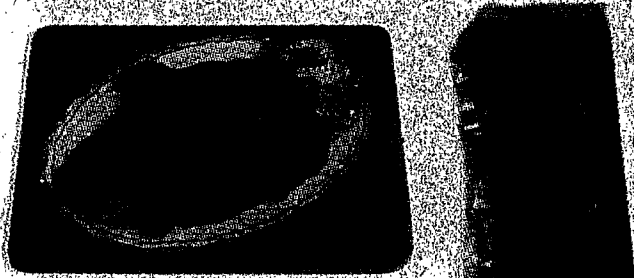
FRESH MADE 8"
DOUBLE LAYER
Coconut
Chocolate Cake
\$8.99

FRESH GULF
Oysters
\$3.99
10 oz.

PATTIE JEAN
Cornish
Hens
3/\$5.00
14 oz.

12-PK-12-OZ. BOTTLES
Michelob, Michelob Light or
Amber Bock
\$7.69

MORE POWER



USDA GRAIN FED
BEEF VALUE PACK
Sirloin Top Steak
\$2.99
Lb.

BRYAN SMOKY HOLLOW
Smoked Sausage
2/\$4.00
1-Lb.

Pet Evaporated Milk 12-oz. can 59¢
Assorted Varieties
Del Monte Can Fruit 15-oz. can 99¢
Libby Pumpkin Solid Pack 15-oz. can 99¢
Assorted Varieties
Green Giant Mushrooms 4.5-oz. \$1.29
Cream of Chicken or Mushroom
Campbell's Soup 10.8-oz. can 89¢
Bacon & Cheese, Chicken
Milkbone Dog Treats 4-oz. box 2/\$3.00
Fresh Step Cat Litter 14-lb. bag \$3.99
Select Varieties Maxwell House Coffee 11-13-oz.
\$1.99
Assorted Flavors
Carnation Chocolate Mix 10-oz. 2/\$3.00
Planters Mixed Nuts 10-11.5 oz. \$3.49
Assorted Varieties Baker Chocolate 4-12 oz. \$1.99
Assorted Flavors
Stove Top Stuffing 6-6.25-oz. 2/\$3.00
Assorted Flavors Jello Gelatin 3-3 oz. 2/\$1.00
Assorted Varieties Crisco Cooking Oil 40 oz.
or Shortening Sticks 20-oz. \$1.79

Washington Fancy
Red Apples
2/\$1.00
Lbs.

Louisiana
Sweet Yams
2/\$1
Lbs.

Ground Fresh Daily-Value Pack
USDA Ground Chuck lb. \$1.59
USDA Frozen Baking Hens lb. 79¢
Super Tru Shank Portion Ham lb. \$1.29
Sanderson Farm Chicken Livers or Gizzards lb. 99¢
Bryan Family Recipe Spiral Sliced Ham lb. \$2.69
Bryan Thick or Reg., Hot Garlic
Sliced Bologna 12 oz. 2/\$3.00

Hormel Mesquite
Smoked Turkey Breast
\$3.99
lb.

Big Eye Swiss Cheese lb. \$4.99

WE MAKE PARTY TRAYS

SEE STORE FOR DETAILS

Select Varieties 16-oz. bag
PicSweet Frozen Vegetables 99¢

Tropical Isle Coconut 6-oz. 99¢

Cool Whip Topping 8-oz. 3/\$4.00



Blue Bonnet Margarine
Sticks 16-oz.
2/\$1.00

Minute Maid Orange Juice 64-oz. \$1.99
Assorted Varieties
Redi Whipped Topping 7-oz. \$1.99
Assorted Flavors
Kraft Shredded Cheese 8-oz. 2/\$3.00

New York or Sampler
Cheese Cake 50-oz. \$9.99

Fresh Baked Bolia Roll 6 ct. 99¢

Great for dips!

Kings Hawaiian Bread 16-oz. \$2.99

Fresh Baked Apple Pie 26-oz. 2/\$4.00